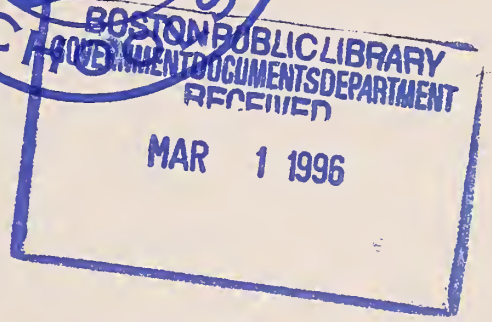


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## Welcome to the Boston Public Schools.

Choosing a school is an important decision. As a parent or guardian, you want your child to get the best education possible. In the Boston Public Schools, we think that the more school choices you have, the better. When you register your child for school in Boston, you may choose from more than twenty elementary schools and at least seven middle schools in your assignment area, plus several citywide schools. High school students may choose from among all twelve regular high schools. [There is a separate admission process for the three “examination” schools.]



So that each school is as racially and ethnically diverse as possible, reflecting the rich cultural diversity of our city, we assign students according to racial and ethnic guidelines as well as choice. This is why we call Boston’s assignment plan “controlled choice.” When seats are limited in a school, the plan gives preference to applicants who have a brother or sister in the same school, to those who can walk to the school, and to those who are changing from a bilingual

or special education program to a regular education class in the same school.

### How will you decide which school is best for your child?

This Guide is a good place to start: It will answer many of your questions and introduce you to each of our schools.

Our five Parent Information Centers can really help, too. Staff can explain what each school offers, what your options are,

and how to apply. They also have information on:

- Waiting lists and transfers, if you want to change schools
- Bilingual and special education services
- Programs for high achievers
- Before and after school programs
- Summer programs
- Parent education
- Community resources
- ...and much more!





Our Parent Centers are listed on the back cover. Call or drop by.

We also encourage you to visit our schools and talk to relatives, friends and neighbors whose children attend schools you are considering. All schools are open to visitors during regular school hours. If you want to visit classrooms and speak to the principal and staff, we recommend calling ahead for an appointment.

Ask the principal and teachers about:

- The school's philosophy and expectations for every student
- Student achievement, measured by test scores and performance on projects and written assignments
- Variety of classes and programs
- Teaching styles to match your child's learning style
- Experience of the principal and teachers
- School hours and availability of before and after school programs
- Size, location, and condition of the building and school yard.

## Signing Up for School

Under Boston's student assignment plan, the city is divided into three geographic "zones"—East, West, and North—for elementary and middle schools. Parents may choose and apply for schools in the zone in which they live. There are also

several citywide schools open to all students: the Hernandez (Kindergarten-Grade 8), the King (Grades 6-8), the Timilty (Grades 6-8), and Young Achievers Science & Mathematics (Kindergarten-Grade 2, adding Grade 3 in Sept. 1996). All high schools are citywide.

The application form lists all the schools you may choose. You may choose as many schools as you wish. Be sure to number your choices in order of your preference.

If your child is new to the Boston Public Schools (BPS), you will receive a notice of your child's assignment by mail. Children who go to a Boston public school now will receive their notice of assignment from the school.

### You do need to apply for school if...

- Your child will go to *Kindergarten, Grade 1, Grade 6, or Grade 9*—the "transition grades"—in September 1996. [There are a few exceptions: students enrolled in the S. Greenwood, Hernandez, McKay (except bilingual classes), Tobin (except bilingual classes), and exam schools may stay through the school's highest grade.]
- Your child is in Kindergarten-Grade 8 and you move to a different zone
- Your child is in a special program and must go to a different school for a new program
- You want to transfer your child to another school
- Your child doesn't go to the Boston Public Schools now.

### You don't need to apply for school if...

- Your child goes to the Boston Public Schools and will be in *Grades 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, or 12* next year. Your child will automatically be assigned to his or her current school.
- Your child has a permanent Kindergarten I or Kindergarten II assignment (guaranteeing assignment through the school's highest grade). But you must reapply if you want to choose Extended Day KII.

### Where to get an application

Current BPS students will get their applications from their school.

Parents of new-to-Boston students must visit one of our Parent Information Centers. See the back page for a list of our Centers.

### What to bring when you apply

You will need to bring:

- Two preprinted proofs of address, such as a utility bill, bank statement, or Housing Authority lease. The BPS doesn't accept personal mail or rent receipts. If you don't have proofs of your address, tell the Parent Information Center staff. An attendance supervisor may be able to visit your home to verify your address.
- A birth certificate, baptismal record or passport for children registering for Kindergarten or Grade 1.
- Up-to-date immunization records and results of a recent tuberculosis test.

**Your child must be immunized!**

Before registering for school, according to state law, your child must be fully immunized. You must submit proof of up-to-date immunizations and a record of a recent tuberculosis test when you register. If you need a copy of the immunization record or have questions, contact your doctor or health center. If you don't have a doctor or health center, call Boston City Hospital, 534-5946: they have a free clinic, by appointment only. If you have not had your child immunized for health reasons or religious beliefs, bring a signed statement to that effect when you register for school.

**When to apply**

■ **First Application Period:**

January 2-January 31

for students who will be in Kindergarten and Grades 1, 6, and 9 next year.

■ **Late Applications:**

February 1-March 15

for students who will be in Kindergarten and Grades 1, 6, and 9 next year.

■ **Transfers and New Registrations:**

February 12-March 15

for students who will be in Grades 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, or 12 next year who (1) want to change schools, or (2) are new to the Boston Public Schools

**Want a better chance of getting your "first choice" school?**

- *Apply by your first deadline*— January 31 for the transition grades, and March 15 for all other grades. You are

*much* more likely to get one of your choices if you apply any time within your first application period. Assignments are not given on a "first come/first choice" basis.

*What if you miss the January 31 deadline and the March 15 deadline?*

You may go to a Parent Information Center any time during the year to register for school or to request a transfer, but your choices will be more and more limited the longer you wait. Many popular schools are full after the first period.

- *Make at least two choices.* If you make only one choice for Grades 1-12, your application *may not* be processed until later. You may list as many choices as you want. If you are applying for Kindergarten, you only have to make one choice—but we recommend you choose at least two schools.

**HELPFUL HINTS**

- Keep your copy of the school application form or transfer request in a safe place.
- Ask the name of everyone who helps or advises you and note the day you talked with them.

**How does the BPS assign students?**

Assignments are made by computer. The computer knows how many seats are available in each grade in each school, and what the racial guidelines are for filling those seats. Racial guidelines are set by zone, with some flexibility. The computer tries to assign each student to his or her first choice school.

Sometimes a school doesn't have room for every student who lists it as the first choice. When this happens, the computer assigns some students ahead of others based on certain "preferences":

■ **Sibling Preference.** If you would like your children to go to the same school, ask the Parent Information Center staff how to apply for "sibling preference." *If seats are available*, siblings are assigned regardless of racial guidelines. But sometimes a school doesn't have room for all the siblings who request it; so we can't *guarantee* sibling assignments.

IMPORTANT: Be sure to ask for sibling preference *the first time you apply!*

■ **Walk Zone Preference.** Within racial guidelines, students who choose a school identified as a "walk zone school" usually will be assigned before students who choose the same school without a walk zone designation.

The computer also gives each application a "random number." How is it used? Imagine that each application has a "weight": for example, an application with sibling preference "weighs" more than one with walk zone preference; one with sibling *and* walk zone preference "weighs" more than one with only sibling preference. When two applications "weigh" the same and the school only has one seat, the computer assigns the student by random number.

**If you don't get your first choice school...**

The computer will try to assign your child to one of the other choices you listed.





■ **Waiting Lists.** Students who get their second choice go on the waiting list for their first choice. If they don't get their first *or* second choice, they go on waiting lists for both. Students who don't get *any* of their choices go on waiting lists for up to three choices. Kindergarten students go on waiting lists for up to two schools and may be on lists for both half day and full day programs in the same school. Your child's place on the waiting list is based on race, preferences (such as sibling or walk zone), the date you applied, and random number.

You can find out your child's place on a school's waiting list by calling any Parent Information Center at the end of each application period. In August and September, you can also call the School Hotline, 635-9046. *All waiting lists expire at the end of January, 1997.*

■ **Administrative Assignments.** State law says each child must attend school beginning in September of the calendar year in which the child turns six years old. If you don't receive one of your school choices, or if you don't return an application for a student age six and over starting a "transition grade" (Kindergarten and Grades 1, 6 and 9), we will assign the child to the school closest to home that has a seat, following racial guidelines.

*Failure to send a child to school could result in legal action against the parent. [Dept. of Education Regulation 603 CMR 8.02(1)]*

If your child will be under age six through December 31, 1996, we will not assign your child to a school you did not choose.

### Transfers

If you want to change schools, you can apply for a transfer during the "transfer" period, February 12-March 15. Transfer requests received *after March 15* will be processed until the end of September. Requests received after that time will be processed in two batches: in early November and at the end of January. *We can't guarantee your transfer request will be approved.*

Students in Grades 1-12 may transfer to another school *once* per school year.

### If you move...

- Give the school principal your new address as soon as possible.
- Bring two proofs of your new address to your child's school, any Parent Information Center, or the School Information Center in downtown Boston, 26 Court St., 4th floor.

### If you become homeless...

If your family moves into a temporary living arrangement, such as a shelter or with friends or family members, your child has a right to stay at the last school attended through the end of the school year *or* to enroll in a school within the new zone, town or city where you live temporarily. However, we may not be able to provide transportation in all situations. For more help, call the Student Assignment Unit, 635-9516.

### Expulsion

Students who have been expelled from other school systems may not enroll in the Boston Public Schools. If the BPS finds out that a student has been expelled from his or her previous school, that student will be expelled immediately.

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## Transportation

About one-third of our students walk to school, and the rest get transportation by school bus or MBTA. Who is eligible for transportation?

- Students who live a mile or more from their kindergarten and elementary school
- Students who live 1 1/2 miles or more from their middle school
- Students who live two miles or more from their high school.

Most students who take a school bus are picked up and dropped off at a corner near their home. Eligible high school students get a T pass or a combination of T pass and yellow bus service. Children with special needs receive door-to-door service or regular transportation, as required in their Individualized Education Plan (IEP).

When your child is assigned to school, we will tell you if your child is eligible for transportation. In mid-August, we will mail you information about your child's bus stop, bus number, and schedule.

### Alternative Transportation

You can request "alternative transportation" to or from a bus stop other than



home (such as a baby-sitter's house or after school program). But there are restrictions: the stop you request must be on an existing bus route to or from the school, and there must be room on the bus. Walkers are also eligible for this service. For a Fact Sheet and application for alternative transportation, call any Parent Information Center or the school principal. We send the Fact Sheet to parents of all currently enrolled students in May.

If you return a complete application for alternative transportation by the end of the school year, and if the stop is approved, your child's alternative stop will be active by the first day of school. If you wait until the start of the school year, your request may take several weeks. Please remember, *we can't guarantee that your child will get the alternative stop you request.*

## HELPFUL HINTS

- If you think your child's bus stop is too far from home or is dangerous, you may be able to change it. But remember, bus stops can be several blocks from home.
- If we say your child lives within the school's "walk zone" and you disagree, you can ask us to measure the distance from your house to the school.
- We cannot provide door-to-door transportation for children whose parent or guardian is disabled—but we may be able to assign a corner stop closer to home. Some students with medical or physical conditions which prevent them from walking to a nearby corner stop may receive door-to-door service if they submit a letter from the

doctor. Ask the principal for help.

During the summer, call our Medical Services Office, 635-9684.

- If you move, tell the principal or go to a Parent Information Center *immediately*. We can't change your bus stop until we know your new address. Also, a move could mean your child will have to change schools.

## Transportation Services

- East Zone ..... 635-8018
- North Zone ..... 635-8342
- West Zone ..... 635-8028
- High Schools (citywide) ... 635-8892
- Central Office ..... 635-9520

## Boston Public Schools Programs

### Kindergarten

The Boston Public Schools have two\* Kindergarten grades:

- Kindergarten I—or "KI"—for children who turn 4 years old before September 1, 1996
- Kindergarten II—or "KII"—for children who turn 5 years old before September 1, 1996

*We're sorry, but we can't make exceptions to these age guidelines.*

We offer both half day and full day—or "Extended Day"—programs for KI and KII. Almost all our KI classes are half day: students go to school in either the morning or the afternoon, for two and a half hours. Extended Day Kindergarten is as long as a regular school day, six hours.

In 1996-97, we will open 50 new full day KII classes and reduce the number of half day KI seats. *Every elementary school will have at least one full day KII.* To find out what Kindergarten programs are available in each school, call any Parent Information Center.

Each zone has an *Early Learning Center (ELC)* which offers full day Kindergarten and Grade 1, plus before and after school care, all free. Seats are limited for the ELCs, and waiting lists are long.

\* There is also a *very* small Kindergarten 0—or "K0"—program for children who turn 3 before September 1, 1996; but if you need a program for your three-year-old, we *strongly* urge you to check out Head Start and other preschool options.

### Bilingual Education

For students whose first language is not English, we offer bilingual classes in 10 languages. Students are taught in their native language while they are learning English. When they become proficient in English, students take classes taught in English with other students.

If you think your child needs a bilingual class, you have several options. Your first step is to visit or call the Multilingual Parent Center, 635-8125, at 25 Walk Hill St. (near the Forest Hill MBTA station). Hours: 8:30 A.M.-5 P.M., Mon.-Fri. on school days; 9 A.M.-3 P.M. during the summer and school vacations. [For testing, please arrive *at least* one hour before closing.] The staff there can explain how your child can be tested, what programs are available, and how to choose a school. And they can help in many languages.



## Services for Children with Special Needs

Children learn in different ways, and we have services to help students with learning difficulties, ranging from extra support (such as Title I reading and math) to programs designed for particular learning styles and abilities. Many schools are using “inclusionary” practices: All children receive the services provided in their Individualized Education Plan (IEP) in the regular classroom.

If you think your child may have a special need, contact your Parent Information Center listed on the back cover. Staff can direct you to the special needs coordinator for your zone. If your child is in the Boston Public Schools now, contact the principal.

## Advanced Work Class (AWC)

This program for eligible children in Grades 4, 5, and 6 offers academic enrichment, slightly smaller classes, and “looping” (staying with the same teacher for Grades 4 and 5). Eligibility is based on results of a standardized test, racial guidelines, and capacity. There are several AWC programs in each zone. If your child is eligible for AWC for Grade 4 or 5, we will send you a mailer listing your AWC choices. Eligible 6th graders will see their choices listed on the application form. For more information, call any Parent Information Center.

## High Schools

Our high schools each offer classes in the basic subjects (language arts, math, science and social studies), plus special classes and programs—during and after school—that make each school unique. You’ll find work-study, health careers, banking and finance, travel and tourism, agriculture, and other specialties. We also have programs for older students who want to return for their diploma, at-risk students, students who want to go to school at night, students who are parents, and students who want to sample the college experience while still in high school.

## Technical/Vocational Education

We offer comprehensive instruction in technical and vocational education in two high schools. Madison Park Technical Vocational High School houses 27 vocational programs within its three career academies. West Roxbury High School has two programs. Most of these vocational programs are approved by the State under Chapter 74.

Technical/vocational education provides an opportunity for students to learn a skill, develop an academic foundation for continued post-secondary study, and build a career while they earn a high school diploma. Madison Park and West Roxbury offer comprehensive academic instruction, along with bilingual and special education programs. Special job placement services are provided to graduating seniors who want to work. For 9th graders, Madison Park has a full-year exploratory program that allows students to assess their vocational

interests and aptitudes and to gain exposure to the wide array of vocational programs in the Boston Public Schools. In addition to its vocational programs, Madison Park also houses the Roland Hayes Division of Music, where students can concentrate on vocal or instrumental music.

## The Examination Schools

The three “examination schools” for Grades 7-12 currently admit students based on results of the Independent School Entrance Exam (ISEE), grade point average, capacity and racial guidelines. They are: Boston Latin Academy in Roxbury, Boston Latin School in the Longwood hospital area, and O’Bryant School of Mathematics & Science in the Madison Park complex, Roxbury Crossing. All three schools accept new students for Grades 7 and 9. O’Bryant also accepts new students for Grade 10.

Test registration materials are available in late August in all our middle schools and high schools. For information, call your child’s school or the High School Parent Information Center, 635-8890.

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## More About Our Schools

### Parent Involvement

Every school has a School Parent Council—an “SPC”—responsible for reviewing the budget, recommending programs, and evaluating the principal.



Parents also may be elected as members of their School Site Council, which includes the principal, teachers and (in high schools) students. Now active in every school, these councils work together on programs and planning, for now and for the future—an idea we call “School-Based Management Management/Shared Decision-Making.”

## Building Improvements

In the last five years, Boston’s schools have had \$200 million in improvements—and a new 10-year plan, now in the works, calls for more renovations and even new school buildings. Many schools are now bright, warm, safe and attractive places for students and staff.

## Attendance Policy

If a student doesn’t report to school for the first five days of the school year, or five days after being assigned to school, we will call and write to the parent or guardian to find out why the student hasn’t come to school. If after another ten days the student still hasn’t reported to school or the parent hasn’t notified the school of a health problem, the student will lose his or her assignment at that school, and we will notify the truant officer.

Children who are absent more than 15% of the school year will not be promoted to the next grade—so be sure your child goes to school *every day* unless he or she is ill. Good attendance is one of the most important ingredients for school success. ■

## Resources for Boston Public School Parents

### BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

|  |                |
|--|----------------|
| Bilingual Department .....                       | 635-9435       |
| Central Adult High School .....                  | 635-9827       |
| Citywide Parents Council (CPC) .....             | 635-9210       |
| Master Parent Advisory Council (Bilingual) ..... | 635-9634       |
| Medical Services Department .....                | 635-9684       |
| Parent Information Centers .....                 | See back cover |
| Parent Outreach Office .....                     | 635-9316       |
| School Hot Line (August and September) .....     | 635-9046       |
| Special Education Department .....               | 635-9700       |
| Special Needs Parent Advisory Council .....      | 635-9279       |
| Title I Parent Advisory Council .....            | 635-7750       |

### COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS AND SERVICES

|  |                      |
|--|----------------------|
| Action for Boston Community Development (ABCD) .....                       | 357-6000             |
| GED, high school diploma program, jobs program                             |                      |
| Boston City Hospital Pediatric Clinic                                      |                      |
| Immunizations (call for an appointment) .....                              | 534-5946             |
| Boston Community Centers .....   | 635-4920             |
| Youth programs, adult education, recreation,<br>after school programs, GED |                      |
| Boston Public Library/Copley Square Central Library .....                  | 536-5400 ext. 334    |
| Child Care Choices of Boston/Parent Hotline .....                          | 542-KIDS ext. 17     |
| Information on licensed day care centers and providers                     |                      |
| Citywide Educational Coalition (CWEC) .....                                | 542-2835             |
| School information, parent newsletters                                     |                      |
| EDCO Youth Alternative .....   | 262-9562             |
| High school diploma, work-study, GED, programs for young parents           |                      |
| Federation for Children with Special Needs .....                           | 482-2915             |
| Advocacy, information and training   |                      |
| Head Start .....   | 357-6000 ext. 13     |
| Preschools for low income families   |                      |
| Higher Education Information Center .....                                  | 536-0200             |
| Free information on higher education, financial aid, careers               |                      |
| Latino Parents Association .....   | 983-5529             |
| Support for Latino families  |                      |
| Parents United for Child Care .....  | 426-8288             |
| Information on before and after school programs                            |                      |
| Raising Our Children’s Children .....                                      | 534-4796 or 265-8128 |
| Support for grandparents raising their grandchildren                       |                      |





# 1996-97 School Hours

Hours listed here are subject to minor changes of 5-10 minutes. Many schools will have new hours in 1996-97:

\* Hours given below for these schools are 50-60 minutes earlier or later than the 1995-96 hours.

## HIGH SCHOOLS

- Boston HS (AM) . 7:30-12:00
- Boston HS (PM) . 12:00-4:30
- Boston Latin Academy ..... 7:35-1:35
- Boston Latin School ..... 7:55-1:55
- Brighton HS ..... 7:40-1:40
- Burke HS ..... 7:40-1:40
- Charlestown HS ... 7:35-1:35
- Dorchester HS ..... 7:40-1:40
- East Boston HS .... 7:40-1:40
- English HS ..... 7:30-1:30
- Hyde Park HS ..... 7:40-1:40
- Madison Park Voc Tech HS ..... 7:45-1:45
- O'Bryant HS ..... 7:35-1:35
- Snowden HS ..... 7:40-1:40
- South Boston HS . 7:40-1:40
- West Roxbury HS. 7:35-1:35

## EAST ZONE

### Elementary Schools

- Channing\* ..... 9:15-3:05
- Chittick\* ..... 9:20-3:10
- Clap\* ..... 8:30-2:20
- Condon\* ..... 9:20-3:10
- Dever\* ..... 8:30-2:20
- Early Learning Center/East:  
*Surround Care* ..... 7:30-6:00
- Special Needs\** .... 9:20-3:10
- Endicott\* ..... 8:30-2:20
- Everett\* ..... 8:30-2:20
- Fifield\* ..... 8:30-2:20
- E. Greenwood\* ..... 8:30-2:20
- S. Greenwood ..... 8:30-2:20
- Grew ..... 9:20-3:10
- Holland ..... 9:20-3:10
- Holmes\* ..... 8:30-2:20
- Kenny\* ..... 8:30-2:20
- Lee ..... 8:30-2:20
- Marshall ..... 8:30-2:20
- Mather\* ..... 8:30-2:20
- Mattahunt\* ..... 9:20-3:10
- Murphy\* ..... 9:20-3:10
- O'Hearn ..... 9:15-3:05
- Perkins\* ..... 8:30-2:20
- Perry\* ..... 8:30-2:20
- Roosevelt\* ..... 9:20-3:10
- Russell\* ..... 9:20-3:10
- P. A. Shaw\* ..... 8:30-2:20
- Stone\* ..... 8:30-2:20
- Taylor ..... 9:15-3:05
- Tynan\* ..... 9:20-3:10

### Middle Schools

- Cleveland ..... 7:35-1:35
- Gavin ..... 7:30-1:30
- Lewenberg ..... 7:35-1:35
- McCormack ..... 7:35-1:35
- Rogers ..... 7:35-1:35
- Thompson ..... 7:35-1:35
- Wilson ..... 7:30-1:30

## NORTH ZONE

### Elementary Schools

- Adams ..... 8:30-2:20
- Alighieri\* ..... 8:25-2:15
- Baldwin\* ..... 8:30-2:20
- Blackstone\* ..... 9:20-3:10
- Bradley ..... 8:25-2:15
- Early Learning Center/North:  
*Surround Care* ..... 7:35-6:00
- Special Needs\** .... 9:20-3:10
- Eliot\* ..... 8:30-2:20
- Emerson ..... 8:25-2:15
- Farragut\* ..... 8:30-2:20
- Gardner\* ..... 9:20-3:10
- Garfield\* ..... 8:30-2:20
- Guild ..... 9:20-3:10
- Hamilton ..... 9:15-3:05
- Harvard/Kent\* ..... 8:30-2:20
- Hurley\* ..... 9:25-3:15
- Jackson/Mann ..... 7:35-1:25
- P. J. Kennedy\* ..... 8:30-2:20
- Lyon ..... 9:20-3:10
- Lyon Surround Care* ..... 7:15-5:00
- Mason\* ..... 9:20-3:10
- McKay\* ..... 9:15-3:05
- O'Donnell\* ..... 8:35-2:25
- Otis\* ..... 9:25-3:15
- Quincy\* ..... 8:25-2:15
- Tobin (K-8) ..... 8:35-2:25
- Warren/Prescott\* .. 9:20-3:10
- Winship\* ..... 8:30-2:20
- Winthrop ..... 9:20-3:10

### Middle Schools

- Dearborn:  
*Mon.-Thurs.* ..... 7:30-3:10
- Friday* ..... 7:30-12:45
- Special Needs* ..... 7:30-1:30
- Edison ..... 7:35-1:35
- Edwards ..... 7:35-1:35
- Taft ..... 7:35-1:35
- Umana/Barnes ..... 7:35-1:35

## WEST ZONE

### Elementary Schools

- Agassiz\* ..... 9:20-3:10
- Bates\* ..... 8:30-2:20
- Beethoven ..... 8:35-2:25
- Conley\* ..... 9:15-3:05
- J. Curley ..... 9:20-3:10
- Dickerman\* ..... 8:30-2:20
- Early Learning Center/West:  
*Surround Care* ..... 7:30-6:00
- Special Needs\** .... 9:20-3:10
- Ellis ..... 8:30-2:20
- Fuller\* ..... 8:25-2:15
- Hale ..... 9:20-3:10
- Haley\* ..... 9:20-3:10
- Hennigan\* ..... 9:20-3:10
- Higginson\* ..... 8:30-2:20
- J. F. Kennedy\* ..... 9:20-3:10
- Kilmer\* ..... 8:30-2:20
- Lyndon ..... 8:30-2:20
- Manning\* ..... 8:30-2:20
- Mendell\* ..... 8:35-2:25
- Mozart\* ..... 9:20-3:10
- Ohrenberger\* ..... 9:25-3:15
- Philbrick\* ..... 8:25-2:15
- Sumner\* ..... 8:30-2:20
- Trotter ..... 9:20-3:10

### Middle Schools

- M. Curley ..... 7:35-1:35
- Irving ..... 7:35-1:35
- Lewis ..... 7:35-1:35
- R. G. Shaw ..... 7:35-1:35
- Timilty Special Needs:  
*Mon.-Thurs.* ..... 7:35-1:35
- Friday* ..... 7:35-12:45
- Wheatley ..... 9:15-3:15

## CITYWIDE SCHOOLS

- Hernandez (K-8)\* . 9:20-3:10
- King (6-8) ..... 7:35-1:35
- Timilty (6-8) ..... 7:35-3:05
- Friday* ..... 7:35-12:45
- Young Achievers (K-3):  
*Mon.-Thurs.* ..... 7:30-5:30
- Friday* ..... 7:30-3:30
- Saturday* ..... 10:00-1:00



# Citywide Elementary and Middle Schools

*These four schools are open to students in all Boston neighborhoods.*

## Hernandez Elementary & Middle School

61 School Street, Roxbury  
Margarita M. Muñiz, Principal  
☎ 635-8187

*The Hernandez School...*

- is a Kindergarten-Grade 8 school, with 400 students
- is Boston's *only* two-way bilingual school: all students learn the Boston Public Schools curriculum in English and Spanish
- has as its aim to create a rich multicultural environment in which students develop oral fluency and literacy in both languages
- works with the American Student Assistance Corp., The Boston Company/Mellon Bank, and Bentley College
- has programs with the Community Music Center, the Children's Museum, Partners in Prevention, UMass-Boston, Young Negotiators, Magic Me, and Head Start
- is a member of Arts Partners Consortium
- has TEAMS satellite courses and WICAT computers
- is a demonstration site for Family,

Friends and Community, a schoolwide anti-violence program

- has Expeditionary Learning Outward Bound, a schoolwide program that teaches all subjects around common themes, using Outward Bound principles and "hands-on" learning.

## M. L. King Jr. Middle School

77 Lawrence Avenue, Dorchester  
James L. Buckley, Principal  
☎ 635-8212

*The King Middle School...*

- is in a residential neighborhood between Uphams Corner and Franklin Park
- has 475 students in Grades 6-8
- is a school where students put their best effort into their work
- is a school where discipline is instructive rather than punitive
- is a school where teaching—through experience—becomes more and more effective and satisfying
- is a school where love and respect bind the community into a purposeful unit
- follows the Max Warburg Curriculum, a three-year language arts curriculum with a different theme each year: courage, perseverance, and loyalty
- has Advanced Work Class for eligible students in Grade 6
- works with many agencies: Boston Youth Development Project, Roxbury MultiService Center, and others
- has mentor projects with Shawmut Bank, Coopers & Lybrand, Concerned Black Women, and Harvard Business School
- has after school tutoring and sports
- is part of The Algebra Project, using

innovative methods to teach and tutor math

- participates in Outward Bound, Teen Connection, and many other programs
- sponsors a Martin Luther King Jr. Dance Troupe, cheerleaders, and a double dutch team.

## Timilty Middle School

205 Roxbury Street, Roxbury  
Roger F. Harris, Principal  
☎ 635-8109

*The Timilty Middle School...*

- is located in historic Eliot Square, near Roxbury Crossing, next to Roxbury Heritage State Park
- has 550 students in Grades 6-8
- offers Project Promise, an innovative approach to learning that includes a longer school day
- has won the National Award for Excellence from the U.S. Department of Education
- has Advanced Work Class for eligible students in Grade 6
- won a 1995 School Improvement Award
- infuses reading, writing, and math across all subjects
- offers two periods of reading and math daily
- provides small classes, with an average of 24 students for every teacher
- offers lots of computer education, with a Macintosh LC III lab and library electronic media
- has a very active science partnership with Massachusetts General Hospital
- schedules two specialty classes a day: gym, health, woodworking, home economics, music, critical thinking, Spanish, or art
- offers special, hour-long activities on



Fridays: Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, chorus, and drill team

- has an active Family Center
- is a violence-free school.

### **Young Achievers Science & Mathematics Elementary School**

90 Smith Street, Roxbury  
Dawn Lewis, Principal  
☎ 635-6805

*The Young Achievers Science & Mathematics School...*

- is located in a quiet neighborhood on the grounds of Mission Grammar School
- has 160 children in Kindergarten-Grade 2, with plans to add Grade 3 in September 1996 and then one grade per year through Grade 8
- is a "pilot school," free of many Boston Public Schools and Boston Teachers Union rules
- is open from 7:30 A.M. to 5:30 P.M., Monday through Thursday, and 7:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. on Friday; and offers a Saturday Academy with parent workshops, tutoring, and enrichment programs
- offers Kindergarten Everyday Mathematics to help build arithmetic and problem-solving skills, and to develop flexibility
- has small classes
- features "hands-on," cooperative learning, and team teaching, following Montessori principles based on understanding *how* children learn
- emphasizes strong writing, reading, science, and math skills in all grades,

## **EAST ZONE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**

using Plato, a computer-based skill competency program

- promotes strong parent involvement, with support teams, resources, training, and workshops
- offers mentoring programs, and will support Young Achievers graduates through two years of college and in the high tech work force
- is partners with the Tallulah Morgan Educational Foundation, MassPEP Pre-Engineering Program, and WEATOC/ We're Education with A Touch Of Class. ■

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# **East Zone Elementary Schools**

### **Channing Elementary School**

35 Sunnyside Street, Hyde Park  
Deborah D. Dancy, Principal  
☎ 635-8722

*The Channing School...*

- is on a quiet street, near Cleary Square
- has 450 students in Kindergarten-Grade 5
- uses the Writing-to-Read Program to teach reading
- has many guest speakers and performances
- has Advanced Work Class for eligible students in Grades 4-5
- has many extras, including a Talented & Gifted Program, foreign language, music, art, computer technology, and field trips

- uses innovative ways of teaching math and science, and is part of PALMS/Partnerships Advancing the Learning of Math & Science
- has violence prevention and counseling programs
- has a parent center and parent newsletter
- has just been renovated, with a new roof, lights, paint, windows, and doors.

### **Chittick Elementary School**

154 Ruskindale Road, Mattapan  
William Abbott, Principal  
☎ 635-8652

*The Chittick School...*

- is in a safe, residential neighborhood, near Wood Avenue
- has 405 students in Kindergarten-Grade 5
- has an active, involved parent organization
- has a Family Center that provides support for the school community
- supports a strong academic program, with French, physical education, music and computer specialists
- is well supplied with books and educational materials
- offers a variety of programs to meet the needs of our students
- is an excellent facility, recently modernized.

### **Clap Elementary School**

35 Harvest Street, Dorchester  
Angelo Giacalone, Principal  
☎ 635-8672

*The Clap School...*

- is located in a quiet neighborhood, near Andrew Square
- has 250 students in Kindergarten-Grade 5



- is a small school, which promotes the safety and security of all students
- focuses on the basics: reading, writing, and math
- has a Student of the Month program and monthly Birthday Celebrations
- uses computers for newspapers, books, and story telling
- has an "adventure-based" physical education program
- has an active School Site Council and School Parent Council
- has many programs for children with special needs and for cultural enrichment, including the Boston Ballet
- offers the Inspector Bart Theatre Arts Program with lots of "mysterious" activities, including the Mystery Reading Club

- has a business partnership and mentoring program with Arnold & Fortuna Advertising Co.

## **Condon Elementary School**

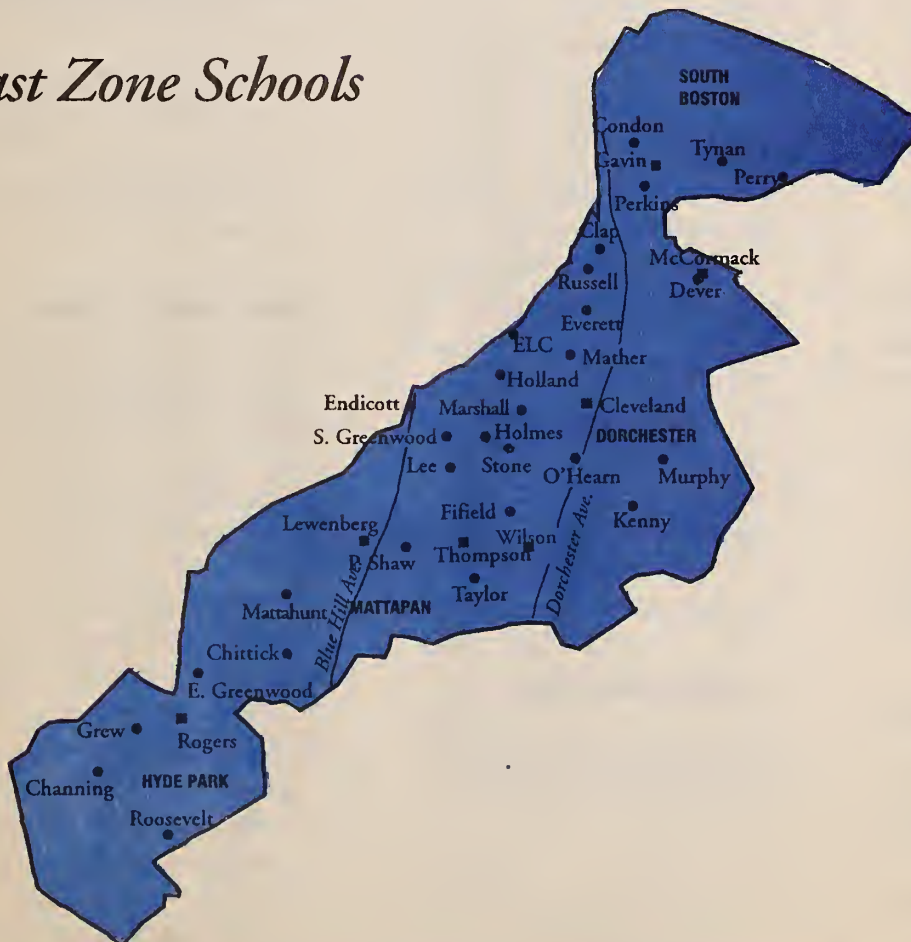
200 D Street, South Boston  
 Daniel Walsh, Principal  
 © 635-8608

*The Condon School...*

- is in the heart of South Boston, near miles of beaches and boardwalks
- has over 900 students in Early Childhood and Kindergarten-Grade 5
- has two state-of-the-art computer labs
- offers a Cape Verdean bilingual program and schoolwide Title I, plus Advanced Work Class for eligible

- students in Grades 4-5
- runs after school programs
- has a newly renovated playground and offers swimming in our Olympic-sized pool
- collaborates with UMass-Boston, Boston University, and Curry and Wheelock colleges
- is partners with the TERI Corporation, which has given us a first grade mini-computer lab and encourages employees to volunteer to read aloud to students
- has an active School Site Council and School Parent Council
- won a 1995 School Improvement Award
- works with a City Year team.

## *East Zone Schools*





### **Dever Elementary School**

325 Mt. Vernon Street, Dorchester  
Nydia Méndez, Principal  
© 635-8694

#### *The Dever School...*

- is a large school, in Harbor Point, near the Kennedy Library and UMass-Boston
- has 560 students in Kindergarten-Grade 5
- offers Spanish bilingual classes, a multi-grade LAB cluster, and more
- has an after school program
- offers the Compass Program for academic, social, and artistic growth; and a program with City Year for physical and social development
- is "high tech," with three computer labs for reading, writing, and computer skills, classroom projects connecting children around the world, and more being planned
- is a PALMS (national math and science program) school and is developing math & science projects to take advantage of our unique seaside location.

### **Early Learning Center/East**

370 Columbia Road, Dorchester  
Myrtle David, Program Director  
© 635-8604

#### *The East Zone Early Learning Center...*

- is a modern school, between Franklin Park and Uphams Corner
- has 190 students in Kindergarten-Grade 1
- is an all-day school for all students, from 8:30 A.M. to 2:20 P.M.
- also offers *free* before and after

## **EAST ZONE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**

school care: students can come as early as 7:15 A.M. and stay as late as 5:45 P.M.

- uses Whole Language and phonics to teach reading and has all children in a daily writing program
- has an IBM computer lab
- won a 1995 School Improvement Award
- teaches math using "hands-on" materials and science through experiments
- has a state-of-the-art playground built by parents and teachers.

### **Endicott Elementary School**

2 McLellan Street, Dorchester  
Robert Holland, Principal  
© 635-8648

#### *The Endicott School...*

- is on Blue Hill Avenue, near Franklin Park
- has 210 students in Kindergarten-Grade 5
- emphasizes basic skills in a family-like setting
- is partners with: the Franklin Park Zoo; Hill, Holliday; and Houghton Mifflin
- believes all children are special
- believes that parents are an integral part of the educational process
- is committed to multicultural education
- has a committed, dedicated staff
- has been recently renovated.

### **Everett Elementary School**

71 Pleasant Street, Dorchester  
Kathleen Flannery, Principal  
© 635-8779

#### *The Everett School...*

- is near the corner of Dorchester Ave. and Savin Hill Ave., within walking distance of the Uphams Corner

Library

- has 375 students in Kindergarten-Grade 5
- provides a culturally diverse environment
- offers many reading programs and incentives, including: Reading Recovery, Reader-of-the-Month, Reading Is Fundamental (RIF), and a book fair
- has many extras: full-time computer, science, and art teachers; performing arts (including a program with Boston Ballet City Dance); and more
- won a 1995 School Improvement Award
- involves parents with a weekly newsletter, monthly coffee hours, fund-raisers, and school volunteers
- has on-site counseling with Little House
- has voluntary school uniforms and an attendance incentive program
- is newly renovated and handicap accessible, with an auditorium and play yard.

### **Fifield Elementary School**

25 Dunbar Avenue, Dorchester  
Cassandra Merrilles, Principal  
(on leave of absence 1995-96)  
Craig Langhorst,  
Acting Principal 1995-96  
© 635-8618

#### *The Fifield School...*

- is located in a quiet neighborhood, four blocks from Codman Square off Washington St.
- has over 300 students in Kindergarten-Grade 5
- offers a before and after school program run by the Dorchester YMCA
- is a Full Inclusion Model School: all children learn together to reach their



full potential, with extra help to meet individual needs

- uses computer-assisted instruction in all grades
- works with the Paul Robeson Institute, Mary MacLeod Bethune Institute, Junior Achievement, Boston Partners in Education, Kit Clark Intergenerational Program, Codman Square Merchants Association, and the Future Teachers of America program
- offers instrumental music lessons, choir, and sports
- has voluntary school uniforms and honors a Student of the Month
- has *two* annual book fairs and a field day.

### **Elihu Greenwood Elementary School**

612 Metropolitan Avenue,  
Hyde Park  
Marjorie Powell, Principal  
☎ 635-8665

*The Elihu Greenwood School...*

- is located in a quiet, safe, residential area
- has 500 students in Kindergarten-Grade 5
- has an IBM reading lab
- fosters parent participation in school planning activities
- provides school-based counseling services through affiliation with Dimock Community Health Center and Boston Community Services
- has a student-run store and recycle center
- offers enrichment activities, including Boston Music Education Collaborative (Grades 1-3), Boston Ballet City Dance, Partners in Prevention, and YMCA Adopt-a-Fifth Grade Program
- collaborates with Hyde Park YMCA and Boston Partners in Education

- holds monthly student recognition assemblies.

### **Sarah Greenwood Elementary & Middle School**

189 Glenway Street, Dorchester  
Isabel Méndez, Principal  
☎ 635-8710

*The Sarah Greenwood School...*

- is in a residential neighborhood, near Franklin Park
- has 450 students in Kindergarten-Grade 8
- offers "Estrellas," a chance for Spanish- and English-speaking students to learn together
- uses technology in all subjects
- has a Writing-to-Read computer lab and a new Writing-to-Write program
- has a Macintosh computer lab where students create stories, publish the school newspaper, and develop graphics
- has an IBM Teaching-and-Learning-Through-Computers lab for math
- uses HOTS (Higher Order Thinking Skills) to teach thinking, reasoning, and problem solving
- is part of TEAMS (Telecommunications Education for Advances in Math & Science), PALMS/Partnerships Advancing the Learning of Math & Science, and the Algebra Project
- is partners with the Community Music Center
- won a 1995 School Improvement Award
- follows the character curriculum, "Voices of Love and Freedom"
- uses cooperative and multicultural learning
- has a full-time social worker, a parent center, and a Student Support Team.

### **Grew Elementary School**

40 Gordon Avenue, Hyde Park  
Clare Joyce, Principal  
☎ 635-8715

*The Grew School...*

- is in a safe, residential neighborhood, just two blocks from Cleary Square
- has 385 students in Kindergarten-Grade 5
- has Title I math and reading
- teaches math through technology, and has Project PALMS for math and science
- offers the HOTS program to teach thinking, reasoning, and problem-solving skills
- has the Lonergan Institute "I Am A Good Person" program
- has a student support team
- has a program with senior citizens
- works with Boston Partners in Education and Foster Grandparents
- is a "Partners in Prevention" school with Faulkner Hospital
- has a newly resurfaced playground.

### **Hernandez Elementary & Middle School**

61 School Street, Roxbury  
Margarita M. Muñoz, Principal  
☎ 635-8187

*The Hernandez School is a citywide school, open to students in Kindergarten-Grade 8 from all Boston neighborhoods. Please see page 11.*

### **Holland Elementary School**

85 Olney Street, Dorchester  
Janet Williams, Principal  
☎ 635-8832

*The Holland School...*

- is a modern school, near Columbia Road



- has 850 students in Kindergarten-Grade 5
- is organized into six learning areas or “pods,” each with a leader and team of teachers who work and plan together
- also has several traditional classrooms
- has two computer labs: IBM and Macintosh
- has a parent center to encourage more participation in the school
- works with Northeastern University’s Paul Robeson Institute/ Mary MacLeod Bethune Institute
- is a partner with Polaroid Corporation
- has Reading Recovery and school-based therapy programs
- has a boys’ choir, boys’ & girls’ basketball teams, swim team (in our own swimming pool), and school store.

### **Holmes Elementary School**

40 School Street, Dorchester  
Jacqueline Hogan, Principal  
© 635-8681

#### *The Holmes School...*

- is in a quiet, residential neighborhood, near Washington St. in Dorchester
- is committed to the philosophy that ALL CHILDREN CAN LEARN
- has 275 students in Kindergarten-Grade 5, with small classes
- is a model school that fully includes special needs students in all classes
- uses a curriculum that reflects the diversity of its students and how *they*

- approach learning
- has computers in every classroom
- offers Spanish, science, music, physical education, and art to all students
- has an active School Site Council and School Parent Council
- strongly believes that “It Takes A Whole Village to Raise a Child” and welcomes parent participation
- has developed a schoolwide discipline program called “COLORS”
- won a 1995 School Improvement Award
- is partners with the Federal Reserve Bank, Bank of Boston/State Treasurer’s Office, and Wheelock College
- provides on-site counseling through Dorchester Counseling Center
- offers a beautiful learning environment.

### **Kenny Elementary School**

19 Oakton Avenue, Dorchester  
Thomas Deveney, Principal  
© 635-8789

#### *The Kenny School...*

- is located in a safe, quiet neighborhood, near Adams Street
- has 450 students in Kindergarten-Grade 5
- won a 1995 School Improvement Award
- has a computer lab.

### **Lee Elementary School**

155 Talbot Avenue, Dorchester  
Maria Iglesias, Principal  
© 635-8687

#### *The Lee School...*

- is easy to get to, next to Franklin Field

- has 700 students in Kindergarten-Grade 5, organized in five learning areas or “pods”
- offers Reading Readiness for Kindergarten students and Reading Recovery for Grade 1
- has an award-winning (200 awards!) art program and offers music classes, chorus, and performing arts programs
- offers ACT, a program for academically talented students in Grades 1-3, and Advanced Work Class for eligible students in Grades 4-5
- works with the Arnold Arboretum for nature studies and science
- has a partnership with City Year
- pairs regular education and special needs students through the Peer Buddies program
- offers support and enrichment services through Parents and Children Services, WEDIKO, UMass-Boston, Boston College, Milton Academy, Mass. College of Art, and others
- has a before and after school program with the Anthony Perkins Community Center
- is a modern school with a gym, pool (our students have swimming lessons!), library, theatre, and much more.

### **Marshall Elementary School**

35 Westville Street, Dorchester  
Teresa Harvey-Jackson, Principal  
© 635-8810

#### *The Marshall School...*

- is a modern school, near Fields Corner
- has 960 students in Kindergarten-Grade 5
- uses a “family” grouping model:



children remain with the same "family" of teachers, students and staff from Kindergarten through Grade 5

- has a two-way bilingual mini-school for Kindergarten-Grade 5: students learn English *and* Spanish
- has three computer labs: Writing-to-Read, Macintosh, and Josten's IBM
- houses the only school planetarium and greenhouse in the city
- offers a rich curriculum, including music, art, drama, physical education, science, computers, swimming, and more
- won a 1995 School Improvement Award
- is paired with Boston College, whose students mentor our Grades 4 and 5 students through Project 2000.
- has an Eagle Grant through the Bank of Boston for a home/school literature program
- has lots of activities for families: Fathers' Luncheon, Science Fair, Spaghetti Dinners, student/faculty basketball games, and more.

**Mather Elementary School**

One Parish Street, Dorchester  
Michael Kim Marshall, Principal  
© 635-8757

*The Mather School...*

- is atop historic Meeting House Hill
- has 610 students in Kindergarten-Grade 5
- is the oldest public elementary school in America: 356 years old!
- has state-of-the-art programs for beginning readers: Whole Language and Reading Recovery
- won a 1995 School Improvement Award
- uses the innovative University of Chicago Math Program in

Kindergarten-Grade 5

- has reorganized to create small classes of 17 in Grade 1 and 24 in Grades 2-5
- has a talented, dedicated staff, with four Golden Apple Award winning teachers and a principal who won the first Boston Plan for Excellence Award
- has a Macintosh LC-III lab, and an Apple IIe computer in every classroom
- publishes "The Learning Letter" weekly to help parents work with their children at home
- is partners with The New England, Boston Children's Services, Omega Psi Phi, Dorchester House, the I.R.S., and other agencies and universities
- has one of the best playgrounds in Boston
- has recently had a \$1.5 million renovation and is in "first-class" condition.

**Mattahunt Elementary School**

100 Hebron Street, Mattapan  
Nancy Dickerson, Principal  
© 635-8792

*The Mattahunt School...*

- is an urban school in a suburban setting, near Cummins Highway, off Livermore Street
- has 850 students in Kindergarten-Grade 5
- uses Whole Language, cooperative learning, and other innovative teaching methods
- works with Foster Grandparents and Boston Partners in Education
- has a Somali bilingual program
- has computer labs and uses the Writing-to-Read program
- is the center for Reading Recovery

for the Boston Public Schools

- is a large, modern building with a swimming pool and gym.

**Murphy Elementary School**

One Worrell Street, Dorchester  
Robert Glennon, Principal  
© 635-8781

*The Murphy School...*

- is in a residential area, next to Edwards Market on Morrissey Boulevard
- has 840 students in Kindergarten-Grade 5
- uses a team approach to staff planning and problem solving
- offers Advanced Work Class for eligible students in Grades 4-5
- has two computer labs for reading, writing and math
- is part of TEAMS (Telecommunications Education for Advances in Math & Science)
- has Reading is Fundamental and Literature is Tops programs
- won a 1995 School Improvement Award
- offers student support services
- is a large school, built in 1973, with a flexible, open space design.

**O'Hearn Elementary School**

1669 Dorchester Avenue,  
Dorchester  
William Henderson, Principal  
© 635-8725

*The O'Hearn School...*

- is in a residential neighborhood, not far from Shawmut Station
- has 225 students in Kindergarten-Grade 5
- is a full-integration school that includes special needs students in all classes



- uses Whole Language and the basal reader to teach reading
- uses cooperative learning and “themes” to teach all subjects
- won a 1995 School Improvement Award
- collaborates with many universities, agencies, and corporations.

**Perkins Elementary School**

50 Burke Street, South Boston  
Virginia DiFranza, Principal

☎ 635-8601

*The Perkins School...*

- is in the Old Colony Apartments
- has 300 students in Kindergarten-Grade 5
- uses the IBM Writing-to-Read program, and has a Macintosh computer lab to teach writing
- provides mentor counseling
- promotes Project P-R-I-D-E and self-esteem: empowering children to survive and succeed
- offers the Perkins Club activity period every Friday for mixed-grade groups of students in Grades 3-5
- has just been renovated.

**Perry Elementary School**

745 East 7th Street, South Boston  
Sally Gorham, Principal

☎ 635-8840

*The Perry School...*

- is in a quiet, safe area, across from Boston Harbor
- has 220 students in Kindergarten-Grade 5
- integrates special needs students into

- the whole classroom, with full inclusion classes for Grades 1 and 2
- uses Whole Language to teach reading
- believes in “hands-on,” thematic learning and “process” writing
- has two computer labs and uses the IBM Writing-to-Read program
- provides specialists in music, science, computers, and physical education
- won a 1995 School Improvement Award
- offers drug education through “So Bad,” and works with the Boston Police Dept. on anti-gang and drug education programs
- offers counseling through Family Services, Inc.
- uses team teaching in Kindergarten-Grade 2
- has a tutoring program with UMass-Boston and a partnership with Haymarket Bank
- offers free dance lessons through Boston Ballet City Dance, and takes part in Boston Ballet’s free student matinee program and Nutcracker Lottery
- has a parent center, active parent council, and School Site Council; and encourages parent involvement
- has newly renovated classrooms and exterior, and plans to renovate the schoolyard.

**Roosevelt Elementary School**

95 Needham Road, Hyde Park  
Lorraine Bordonaro, Principal

☎ 635-8676

*The Roosevelt School...*

- is in a quiet, residential neighborhood, near the Blue Hills
- has 400 students in Kindergarten-Grade 5
- uses cooperative learning in the

classroom

- won a 1995 School Improvement Award
- has an IBM computer network lab for all grades
- provides science lessons taught by a science specialist
- offers Literature is Tops, a Literacy Reading Program, and Literature Through Music to develop good readers
- has a Student of the Month program and an annual Field Day
- publishes a school newspaper quarterly and sends home a weekly parent bulletin for home-school communication.

**Russell Elementary School**

750 Columbia Road, Dorchester  
Archie Walsh, Principal

☎ 635-8803

*The Russell School...*

- is near Edward Everett Square
- has 450 students in Kindergarten-Grade 5
- offers the option of two-way Spanish bilingual classes for Kindergarten-Grade 5: all students learn English and Spanish
- is a happy, diverse, multicultural school with waiting lists for every grade
- is absolutely gorgeous after a \$1.5 million renovation!

**P. A. Shaw Elementary School**

429 Norfolk Street, Dorchester  
William B. Stevens, Principal

☎ 635-8719

*The Pauline A. Shaw School...*

- is on the corner of Morton and Norfolk Street, across from Walgreens



- has 365 students in Early Childhood and Kindergarten-Grade 5
- has a schoolwide International Studies theme
- uses Whole Language, Literature is Tops, and other programs to teach reading
- offers French and Japanese instruction
- has an international Pen Pal program, guest speakers from other countries, cultural field trips, and an International Day
- works with the Showa Institute for Women, World Affairs Council, Boston Ballet, Boston Partners in Education, DECIDE drug education program, and many others
- has state-of-the-art technology and computer software, with computers in almost every classroom
- has won a Title I PIP Award and a 1995 School Improvement Award
- participates in the Harvard Peace Games
- offers monthly parent workshops.

**Stone Elementary School**

22 Regina Road, Dorchester  
 Maria de los Angeles Montes,  
 Principal  
 © 635-8773

*The Stone School...*

- is on a quiet street, near the Dorchester Court House
- has 250 students in Kindergarten-Grade 5
- is partners with John Hancock and BayBank in a unique program which includes training for parents and teachers, mentoring, and other support
- has a journalism theme, encouraging all children in Kindergarten-Grade 5 to be strong writers

- is partners with Boston Children's Services for on-site counseling and violence prevention programs
- is partners with UMass-Boston and Wheelock College, who provide student teachers
- has strong community ties through Codman Square Health Center, the Greenwood Family Center, the Merchants Association, Healthy Boston, and the YMCA
- offers a schoolwide Title I program
- works with Northeastern University nursing school students and CCHEERS
- has a media center and a parent center
- has been completely renovated.

**Taylor Elementary School**

1060 Morton Street, Mattapan  
 Cheryl Fontes, Principal  
 © 635-8731

*The Taylor School...*

- is located in a quiet neighborhood
- has 690 students in Kindergarten-Grade 5
- offers Advanced Work Class for eligible students in Grades 4-5
- has a Haitian creole bilingual program and English as a Second Language
- offers French, gym, art, music and computer classes to all students
- has a computer lab and several classroom computers
- runs the Taylor School Store, open to all students
- uses the Literature is Tops program
- gives scholarships from Boston Ballet to eligible students
- has new landscaping and has been recently renovated.

**Tynan Elementary School**

650 East 4th Street, South Boston  
 Nancy M. Sheehan, Principal  
 © 635-8641

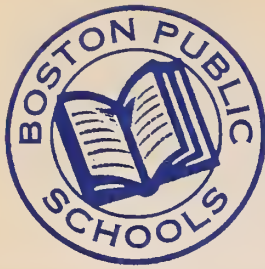
*The Tynan School...*

- is in a residential area, near Flood Square
- has 500 students in Kindergarten-Grade 5
- has a Cape Verdean bilingual program
- has several college and university partnerships to improve teaching and learning
- has a physical fitness program at the Boston Athletic Club
- has a full-time computer lab and art room
- chooses schoolwide learning themes
- uses literature and Whole Language to teach reading, and has the "Literature Is Tops" program
- teaches math and science with "hands-on" activities, and participates actively in Project PALMS
- offers school-based counseling and health services
- has a Foster Grandparents Program
- teaches students that "Saving Makes Sense"
- is a well-maintained, modified open-space school, with a modern gym.

**Young Achievers Science & Mathematics Elementary School**

90 Smith Street, Roxbury  
 Dawn Lewis, Principal  
 © 635-6805

*The Young Achievers School is a citywide school for Kindergarten-Grade 2, with plans to add Grade 3 in September 1996 and then expand one grade each year through Grade 8. Please see page 12.*



# East Zone Middle Schools

## **Cleveland Middle School**

11 Charles Street, Dorchester  
Mikel Sidberry, Principal  
© 635-8631

### *The Cleveland School...*

- is in Fields Corner, across from the MBTA station
- has 700 students in Grades 6-8
- is a Visual & Performing Arts Theme School
- integrates the arts into all subject areas
- organizes Grades 6-8 into clusters of 120-150 students with a team of teachers
- offers traditional classes and inclusion programs for all grades
- has a "no-nonsense" approach to discipline, with an emphasis on fairness and consistency
- has extended day activities from 2 to 6 P.M. under the Safe Schools Program
- has a full-time Student Support Team.

## **Gavin Middle School**

215 Dorchester Street,  
South Boston  
Joseph Lee, Principal  
© 635-8817

### *The Gavin School...*

- is located near Andrew Square
- has 555 students in Grades 6-8
- is a Carnegie Turning Points School
- is totally handicapped accessible and has Multiple Handicap programs
- is clustered to include all students in smaller classes
- has a JFK Library Corp
- offers after school remediation programs for students who need extra help
- is the originator of the Student Support Team concept for providing services
- is partners with Gillette Co.

## **Sarah Greenwood Elementary & Middle School**

189 Glenway Street, Dorchester  
Isabel Méndez, Principal  
© 635-8710

### *The Sarah Greenwood School...*

- is in a residential neighborhood, near Franklin Park
- has 450 students in Kindergarten-Grade 8
- offers "Estrellas," a chance for Spanish- and English-speaking students to learn together
- uses technology in all subjects
- won a 1995 School Improvement Award
- has a Writing-to-Read computer lab and a new Writing-to-Write program
- has a Macintosh computer lab where students create stories, publish the school newspaper, and develop

graphics

- has an IBM Teaching-and-Learning-Through-Computers lab for math
- uses HOTS (Higher Order Thinking Skills) to teach thinking, reasoning, and problem solving
- is part of TEAMS (Telecommunications Education for Advances in Math & Science), PALMS (Partnerships Advancing the Learning of Math & Science), and the Algebra Project
- is partners with the Community Music Center
- follows the character curriculum, "Voices of Love and Freedom"
- uses cooperative and multicultural learning
- has a full-time social worker, a parent center, and a Student Support Team.

## **Hernandez Elementary & Middle School**

61 School Street, Roxbury  
Margarita M. Muñiz, Principa'  
© 635-8187

*The Hernandez School is a citywide school, open to students in Kindergarten-Grade 8 from all Boston neighborhoods. Please see page 11.*

## **M. L. King Middle School**

77 Lawrence Avenue, Dorchester  
James L. Buckley, Principal  
© 635-8212

*The King School is a citywide school, open to students in Grades 6-8 from all Boston neighborhoods. Please see page 11.*



**Lewenberg Middle School**

20 Outlook Road, Mattapan  
Myrtle Mayfield, Principal  
© 635-8623

*The Lewenberg School...*

- is in a well-kept, residential area, with beautifully landscaped grounds (thanks to students and parents)
- has 600 students in Grades 6-8
- has won hundreds of awards, including the National Center of Excellence in the Language Arts Award, National School Safety Award, and National Reader's Digest Award
- features an award-winning staff, including five Golden Apple Award winners and four National Reader's Digest Award winners
- offers an outstanding curriculum designed and implemented to increase academic achievement
- uses cooperative learning to foster learning and negotiation skills, teamwork, and individual decision-making
- emphasizes reading and writing in all subjects
- offers an innovative bilingual program
- offers French, art, music, sewing, and cooking
- collaborates on programs with more than thirty agencies and organizations
- has partnerships with IBM, Lesley College, and Turning Points
- houses Project Adventure and Expeditionary Learning, where students learn to trust in themselves and each other, to value teamwork, to relate to diversity, and to achieve academically, socially, and psychologically.

**McCormack Middle School**

315 Mt. Vernon Street, Dorchester  
Robert Martin Jr., Principal  
© 635-8657

*The McCormack School...*

- is in a quiet area, near Harbor Point
- has 700 students in Grades 6-8
- has twice been cited for excellence by the State Department of Education
- has very active partnerships with the Bank of Boston, which provides many programs, achievement awards, free books, computers, mentors, and tutors; and with UMass-Amherst
- works with the Kennedy Library, the Kennedy Library Corps, MassPEP Pre-Engineering Program, and Urban Scholars
- has six computer labs, with 175+ computers
- offers a Science Magnet program for Grades 7 and 8, with a brand new science lab and trips to Boston Harbor to study marine biology
- has a Friday Activity Period during which students can do crafts, play Scrabble, play chess, and more
- has student awards ceremonies, chorus, and band
- offers after school tutoring and activities
- has Bank of Boston sponsored programs, with achievement awards, free books, computers, mentors, and tutors
- has the McCormack Kids Summer Institute at UMass-Boston and evening programs for parents
- has a residency program with the Alvin Ailey and Paul Taylor dance companies, Arts in Progress, and Project Discovery; and three trips per child to the Museum of Fine Arts.

**Rogers Middle School**

15 Everett Street, Hyde Park  
Michael A. McCarthy, Principal  
© 635-8700

*The Rogers School...*

- is in a quiet, residential neighborhood, very near Cleary Square
- has 670 students in Grades 6-8
- has a Vietnamese bilingual program
- clusters students with a team of teachers
- has a technology wing and a communications theme
- won a 1995 School Improvement Award
- offers performing arts, a school chorus, and a current events program
- is partners with Curry College and the Hyde Park Branch Library
- has after school enrichment and athletics
- has a school book store
- has had recent renovations.

**Thompson Middle School**

100 Maxwell Street, Dorchester  
Ronald Spratling, Principal  
© 635-8764

*The Thompson School...*

- is in a quiet, residential area, not far from the police station on Blue Hill Avenue
- has 325 students in Grades 6-8
- emphasizes the attitude, "College is for me!"
- offers college preparatory courses for all students: French, algebra, and 21st century math
- has Advanced Work Class for eligible students in Grade 6
- won a 1995 School Improvement Award



- is organized so that teachers can plan and develop lessons together
- teaches reading in all classes, even math and science
- offers after school sports, clubs, tutoring, and other activities
- has been recently refurbished.

### **Timilty Middle School**

205 Roxbury Street, Roxbury  
Roger F. Harris, Principal  
☎ 635-8109

*The Timilty School is a citywide school, open to students in Grades 6-8 from all Boston neighborhoods. Please see page 11.*

### **Wilson Middle School**

18 Croftland Avenue, Dorchester  
Rosalyn Browne, Principal  
☎ 635-8827

*The Wilson School...*

- is in a quiet, residential neighborhood
- has 570 students in Grades 6-8
- has Advanced Work Class for eligible students in Grade 6
- clusters students by grade for all academic subjects
- provides tutoring, counseling, and after school sports and recreation
- won a 1995 School Improvement Award
- is part of TEAMS (Telecommunications Education for Advances in Math & Science)
- has four computer labs and two satellite communications systems
- is an Algebra in Middle Schools (AIMS) site

- offers programs with Harvard University, Boston College, and Bowdoin College (mentoring and tutoring)
- trains students in violence prevention and peer leadership
- is Boston's only middle school to pilot a school-to-work model
- offers college preparatory courses at UMass-Boston and a pre-engineering program
- is partners with the Mitre Corporation
- has a family center open during the day
- has won several grants for school reform
- just had a \$1 million modernization. ■

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## North Zone Elementary Schools

### **Adams Elementary School**

165 Webster Street, East Boston  
Philip Marino, Principal  
☎ 635-8383

*The Adams School...*

- is in a quiet neighborhood near Maverick Square, overlooking Boston Harbor and the skyline
- has 350 students in Kindergarten-Grade 5
- has a computer lab and Computer Club
- has a video team for news programs and special events
- reaches out to the community

through Community Service Learning

- has a technology program — a “lasting link” with Lesley College, the Private Industry Council, The Learning Tree, U. S. Coast Guard, and Mass. Fisheries & Wildlife
- has six classroom science partnerships, and offers science to all students
- provides art and music programs
- offers Title I math and reading
- offers substance abuse workshops for parents
- works with the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center
- has recently been renovated.

### **Alighieri Elementary School**

37 Gove Street, East Boston  
John Gillis, Principal  
☎ 635-8529

*The Alighieri School...*

- is a small, friendly school near Maverick Square
- has 190 students in Kindergarten-Grade 5
- uses both Whole Language and phonics to teach reading
- offers before school enrichment for Grades 4 and 5
- has Reading is Fundamental/RIF and Books-and-Beyond programs to develop a love for reading
- has IBM Writing-To-Read and Apple computer labs
- has a parent center
- often visits and performs at the nearby Lyman Elderly Apartments
- has strong pairings with the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center, Kiwanis, Northeastern and Boston University medical schools, Boston Police, the Chamber of Commerce, MassPort, East Boston



# BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

District Court, and Wheelock College

- is a clean school, newly painted, with modern lighting, new roof, and newly finished wood floors.

## Baldwin Elementary School

121 Corey Road, Brighton  
 Suzanne Lee, Principal  
 ☎ 635-8460

*The Baldwin School...*

- is close to Brookline, in a diverse and pleasant neighborhood
- has 340 students in Kindergarten-Grade 5
- uses the Writing-to-Read program in K-1 classrooms
- offers "Sunrise Stars," a before school reading program
- uses the Books-and-Beyond program

to encourage students to turn off the television and read

- works with Foster Grandparents for friendship and tutoring
- offers support services for students experiencing difficulties
- has drama, music, and computer classes
- has an active parent council
- offers English as a Second Language
- works on character development through the Humane Society's Operation Outreach: each student will receive two books a year for five years.
- is building a nourishing learning community
- has just been renovated, with new windows and fences — and has three beautiful greenhouse windows.

## Blackstone Elementary School

380 Shawmut Ave., Boston  
 William Colóm, Principal  
 ☎ 635-8471

*The Blackstone School...*

- is located in a multi-ethnic neighborhood in the South End
- has 975 students in Early Childhood-Grade 5
- offers Early Childhood programs for special needs three and four-year-olds
- uses team teaching and organizes teachers in grade-level teams to plan lessons around central themes
- offers after school tutoring in reading and math
- has an after school Citizens in Training Group (CTG) for Grades 4 and 5

## North Zone Schools





## NORTH ZONE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

- has a parent center for workshops, special activities, and meetings
- offers a Spanish bilingual program
- has three computer labs: WICAT, Writing-To-Read, and IBM
- has a choir for Grades 4-5
- uses the Cumulative Writing Folder system to teach writing to students in Grades 1-5.

### **Bradley Elementary School**

10 Beachview Road, East Boston  
Robert Lyons, Principal  
☎ 635-8422

#### *The Bradley School...*

- is in the quiet, residential area of Orient Heights
- has 350 children in Kindergarten-Grade 5
- offers an Early Childhood Program
- has Advanced Work Class for eligible students in Grades 4-5
- uses the Integrated Learning System (computer assisted instruction) in a newly equipped Macintosh lab for Grades 1-5
- has a Logan Airport career awareness program, developed in partnership with Massport, for Grades 4-5
- emphasizes strong writing skills, using computer word processing and the Cumulative Writing Folder in Grades 2-5
- offers ballet lessons through the Boston Ballet City Dance program for selected children in Grades 3-5 (and beyond, for students chosen for advanced instruction): one of our fourth graders is currently dancing in the Boston Ballet's Nutcracker

performance!

- is paired with Northeastern University and Salem State College as a site to train student teachers.

### **Early Learning Center/North**

*at the Jackson/Mann School*  
40 Armington Street, Allston  
Ellen Lee McCarthy, Director  
☎ 635-8409

#### *The North Zone Early Learning Center...*

- is located in the Jackson/Mann Complex, a large, modern school in Union Square
- has 100 students, from age 3 to Grade 1
- offers a full day program, plus *free* before and after school care from as early as 7:30 A.M. to as late as 6:00 P.M.
- integrates students with special needs and regular education students in all classes
- provides an innovative developmental early education program
- won a 1995 School Improvement Award
- offers music, art, physical education, and a foreign language
- provides counseling with the Allston-Brighton Mental Health Center
- mentors student teachers from Boston College, Boston University, and Wheelock College
- uses the Jackson/Mann's well-stocked library, large gymnasium, and cafeteria
- enjoys a business partnership with Windsor Systems.

### **Eliot Elementary School**

16 Charter Street, Boston  
Sonia Diaz Salcedo, Principal  
☎ 635-8545

#### *The Eliot School...*

- is located in the North End and traces its beginnings to 1713: we're one of only two Boston public schools on the Freedom Trail
- has 240 students in Kindergarten-Grade 5
- uses nearby resources: we can *walk* to the Paul Revere House, Museum of Science, Computer Museum, Children's Museum, New England Aquarium, Old State House, and Old North Church.
- has a partnership with The Berkshire Group
- brings in performers such as the Brown Bag Opera, Young Audiences, and the Boston Opera Company
- participates in community-based programs such as Know Your Neighborhood and American History (Revolutionary War) Studies
- belongs to the Boston Music Education Collaborative
- has a mentor program and facilities to individualize a student's education plan
- is applying for membership in Brown University's Coalition of Essential Schools
- has a fully equipped, state-of-the-art Macintosh computer lab.

### **Emerson Elementary School**

6 Shirley Road, Roxbury  
Robert Salamone, Principal  
☎ 635-8507

#### *The Emerson School...*

- is in an established family



- neighborhood, near St. Patrick's Church
- has 325 students in Kindergarten-Grade 5
  - has the third highest student attendance percentage in Boston
  - offers a Cape Verdean bilingual program
  - has a Computer Club and chorus
  - has been awarded two grants from the Boston Plan for Excellence
  - won a 1995 School Improvement Award
  - is a teacher training site for Boston, Simmons, and Wheelock colleges, and the Berklee School of Music
  - offers individual and family counseling
  - collaborates with the Strand Theatre, Brown Bag Opera, New England Opera Company, Arts in Progress, Cantata Singers, and others
  - recognizes that a child's success in life depends very much on his or her feeling of self-worth
  - has been recently renovated and is clean and beautiful.

## Farragut Elementary School

10 Fenwood Road, Boston  
Charles Ray, Principal  
© 635-8450

### *The Farragut School...*

- is in an historic area, near Brigham Circle
- has 275 students in Kindergarten-Grade 5
- has high expectations for all its students
- offers parents the option of the same teacher for Grades 4-5
- has Advanced Work Class for eligible students in Grades 4-5
- has an optional uniform policy
- has a full-time physical education

- teacher
- has an active computer class
  - offers "Making Music": free instrumental music lessons with teachers from Boston University
  - is partners with the Children's Hospital Dental Program, New England Baptist Hospital, Gardner Museum, and Museum of Fine Arts
  - offers Spanish and French language instruction
  - has just been renovated, with new paint, windows, and more.

## Gardner Elementary School

30 Athol Street, Allston  
Catalina Montes, Principal  
© 635-8365

### *The Gardner School...*

- is in a quiet neighborhood
- has 510 students in Kindergarten-Grade 5
- has a Spanish bilingual program and an English as a Second Language teacher
- uses the Success Maker computer integrated learning system in all grades
- offers instrumental music lessons (Grades 3-5) and is part of the Boston Music Collaborative (Grades 1-3)
- has a Reading at Home program
- won a 1995 School Improvement Award
- hosts live performances by the Handel & Haydn Society and others
- gets student teachers and interns from Boston College and Boston University
- works with Mass. Audubon Society for nature walks and animal experiences
- participates in Kiwanis Club "Terrific Kids" recognition awards

- is partners with McNamara House and Boston Partners in Education
- offers in-school counseling with Allston-Brighton Mental Health Clinic
- offers gym classes at Boston University and gets mentors and tutors from Harvard Business School
- teaches violence prevention in all grades and hosts an annual Violence Prevention March
- has a full-time nurse
- hosts "Breakfasts with the Principal."

## Garfield Elementary School

95 Beechcroft Street, Brighton  
Victoria Megias-Batista, Principal  
© 635-8351

### *The Garfield School...*

- is in Faneuil Square, a quiet neighborhood near Brighton Center
- has 370 students in Kindergarten-Grade 5
- keeps a Writing Folder for every student in Grades 2-5
- uses Books and Beyond, Writing-to-Read, Jostens, Children's Writing and Publishing, and other reading and writing programs
- offers a before school program
- provides counseling from Allston-Brighton Health Center
- includes special education students in regular education classrooms to increase their self-esteem and learning
- is a schoolwide Title I school
- uses team teaching during reading classes
- is bringing technology to each classroom
- has three EM-MAT (Elementary & Middle Math & Technology) teachers, who enhance the math



curriculum every year; and won grants totalling \$15,000 to explore new approaches to science, math, and technology

- is training its teachers in the Whole Language philosophy of teaching reading and writing
- praises diversity and has great expectations for all our students.

### **Guild Elementary School**

195 Leyden Street, East Boston  
Simon Ho, Principal  
☎ 635-8523

*The Guild School...*

- is in a residential area of Orient Heights
- has over 240 students in Kindergarten-Grade 5
- offers a Chinese bilingual program in Kindergarten-Grade 5
- uses a Cumulative Writing Folder for language arts
- has an IBM Writing-To-Read computer lab
- has an Apple computer lab as well as computers in six classrooms
- won a 1995 School Improvement Award
- teaches math concepts through “hands-on” materials and other new methods
- offers enrichment in science, social studies, and math.

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### **Hamilton Elementary School**

198 Strathmore Road, Brighton  
John Molloy, Principal  
☎ 635-8388

*The Hamilton School...*

- is near Cleveland Circle, on the Brookline border
- has 250 students in Kindergarten-Grade 5
- has a Writing-to-Read Computer Center
- reflects the diversity of the city, with students from 20 countries and cultures
- offers a physical education program through Boston University
- has tutors from Boston University, Boston College, Boston Partners in Education, and Foster Grandparents
- has a parent center.

### **Harvard/Kent Elementary School**

50 Bunker Hill Street, Charlestown  
Jack Halloran, Principal  
☎ 635-8358

*The Harvard/Kent School...*

- is located in a quiet, historic neighborhood, in the shadow of the Bunker Hill Monument on the Freedom Trail
- has 600 students in Kindergarten-Grade 5
- features an award-winning staff, including Golden Apple Award and private foundation winners
- takes pride in being diverse, determined, and dynamic
- has a warm and caring atmosphere
- has state-of-the-art programs for beginning readers: Writing-to-Read, Scholastic/Macintosh Wiggleworks, and Reading Recovery
- won a 1995 School Improvement Award
- has three IBM computer labs, with

many Macintosh computers in classrooms

- collaborates with lots of museums: the Museum of Fine Arts, Museum of Science, Peabody Museum, Children’s Museum, and Computer Museum
- has a science program supported by a \$1 million National Science Foundation grant; and has additional museum grants to work with the New England Aquarium
- has partnerships with Tufts University, the Center for Applied Special Technology, and Boston Community Music Center; and collaborates with Boston Ballet, the Audubon Society, Mass. General Hospital, UMass-Boston, and many others
- is a City Year community partnership project, with corps members who work in our classrooms
- is a large, bright, beautifully designed school, in “first-class” condition.

### **Hernandez Elementary & Middle School**

61 School Street, Roxbury  
Margarita M. Muñiz, Principal  
☎ 635-8187

*The Hernandez School is a citywide school, open to students in Kindergarten-Grade 8 from all Boston neighborhoods. Please see page 11.*

### **Hurley Elementary School**

70 Worcester Street, Boston  
Nora E. Pou, Principal  
☎ 635-8489

*The Hurley School...*

- is a small, attractive, well-maintained



- school in the South End, near Symphony Hall
- has 390 students in Kindergarten-Grade 5
- offers a two-way bilingual program in Kindergarten-Grade 5, where students learn together in Spanish and English
- has won two Boston Plan for Excellence grants for schoolwide Hands On Science and Math Our Way programs; and has been funded by the Harcourt Charitable Foundation, Inc. to support staff and parent training in Math Our Way
- offers a schoolwide writing program and a home/school reading awareness program
- has a full-time computer teacher
- has an after school program twice a week
- participates in Boston Ballet City Dance
- makes class visits to the South End Library
- has partnerships with Boston University, City Mission Society/ Artist in Residence Program, Copley Place, Neiman Marcus, Northeastern University, the South End Clinic, and Peat Marwick
- has a poet and other artists who work with students every week
- has a Student Support Team.

**Jackson/ Mann Elementary School**

40 Armington Street, Allston  
 Joanne Collins Russell, Principal  
 © 635-8532

*The Jackson/Mann School...*

- is a large, modern school in Union Square
- has 680 students in Kindergarten-Grade 5

- has a Student Support team
- is pioneering the concept of full integration of special needs students
- uses computer-assisted instruction widely
- provides a strong, effective program for Vietnamese bilingual students
- won a 1995 School Improvement Award
- offers strong programs in the arts, foreign languages, science, and physical education
- collaborates with Boston University and Wheelock College in a mentoring program and initiatives in math and science
- is a Professional Development Center for Boston University and Wheelock College
- enjoys a business partnership with Liberty Mutual Insurance Co.

**P. J. Kennedy Elementary School**

343 Saratoga Street, East Boston  
 Eugene Ellis, Principal  
 © 635-8466

*The Patrick Kennedy School...*

- is in a quiet neighborhood, near Day Square
- has 300 students in Kindergarten-Grade 5
- has a state-of-the-art Macintosh computer lab
- has award-winning art and computer programs
- holds a monthly book swap and an annual Science Fair, and recognizes a "Student of the Month"
- publishes a school newspaper and a weekly parent newsletter: We have our own "PJK Publishing Company!"
- uses the Books and Beyond, HOTS (Higher Order Thinking Skills), DEAR (Drop Everything And

- Read), Lesson 1 (self-esteem) and Arts Residence programs
- has a Reading and Writing Buddies program between Kindergarten and Grade 4 students
- offers counseling and an in-house mentor program
- donates student-made books and calendars to hospitals, nursing homes, and rehabilitation centers
- collaborates with the Parks Department for Grades 4-5
- is a newly renovated building, with new windows, classroom lights, intercom system, refinished floors, and fresh paint.

**Lyon Elementary School**

50 Beechcroft Street, Brighton  
 Mary Nash, Principal  
 © 635-7945

*The Lyon School...*

- is located on a quiet residential street near Brighton Center
- has 90 students in Kindergarten-Grade 5
- offers a before and after school program from 7:15 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.
- emphasizes integrated language for its Kindergarten-Grade 2 students and research projects for its Grade 3-5 students
- fully integrates 30 special needs students with 60 regular education students in six classrooms, with small classes of 15 students
- won a 1995 School Improvement Award
- teaches word processing on new Macintosh computers and basic computer skills through a special Lego Logo project
- has partnerships with Boston College, Wheelock College, Walker



School, the Boston Parks & Recreation Dept., and the Oak Square Library.

### **Mason Elementary School**

150 Norfolk Avenue, Roxbury  
Mary Russo, Principal  
☎ 635-8405

#### *The Mason School...*

- is located across from a park and playground
- has 300 students from age 3 to Grade 5
- offers an all-day Early Childhood program for ages 3 and 4, with free afternoon surround care
- won the City Management Excellence Award in 1994 and 1995
- won a 1995 School Improvement Award
- was cited by the U. S. Dept. of Education for its exemplary Title I reading program
- has been named a demonstration site for Accelerated Schools (a program that challenges students to go beyond “normally” expected schoolwork) by the Mass. Dept. of Education
- offers the innovative “Mason Way” reading program for Grades 1-2
- offers Reading Recovery in Grade 1
- uses “learning-by-doing” in math and science
- is part of TEAMS (Telecommunications Education for Advances in Math & Science), and has computers in every classroom
- offers Bright Start, an intensive

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reading and writing program for Kindergarten

- has a teacher’s aide in each room in Early Childhood-Grade 5
- runs an after school program until 5:30 P.M., five days per week
- has Summer Stars, a 6-week, full-day summer academic program
- actively involves parents and schedules three individual parent conferences a year
- offers swimming and French for Grades 2-5, fencing lessons for Grades 4-5, and music, art, and storytelling for everyone
- has partnerships with John Hancock, Newmarket Business Association, Boston Parks & Recreation, Boston Community Centers, Boston College, Boston University, Harvard Graduate School of Education, and Wheelock College
- has on-site counseling for children and families
- has recently had a \$1.4 million renovation.

### **McKay Elementary & Middle School**

122 Cottage Street, East Boston  
Ronald Jackson, Principal  
☎ 635-8510

#### *The McKay School...*

- is in a quiet neighborhood near the Callahan Tunnel
- is an elementary and a middle school, with 600 students in Kindergarten-Grade 8
- offers Spanish bilingual classes in Kindergarten-Grade 5
- has several computer labs for individualized learning
- is the only Project Excel school in the city
- has a parent center and parent

advocate, and offers free English as a Second Language courses for parents

- makes an extra effort to communicate to English- and Spanish-speaking parents
- places special emphasis on counseling and mentors for students and their families
- is an active partner with Cabot Corporation for math, science, and computer programs
- offers, for a small fee, an after school program to help working parents
- has after-school “Homework Helpers” and clubs for middle school students through TEAM: Teens Excelling At McKay.

### **O'Donnell Elementary School**

33 Trenton Street, East Boston  
John Waggett, Principal  
☎ 635-8454

#### *The O'Donnell School...*

- is near Central Square
- has 370 students in Kindergarten-Grade 5
- has three computer labs for reading and math, including Writing-To-Read and Apple labs; and each grade has five computers in the classroom
- offers a schoolwide Title I program and a reading tutorial program with the Harborside Afterschool Program
- is on the Internet
- uses the Cumulative Writing Folder—wait until you read our stories!
- has a partnership with Massport, and programs with the Mass. Horticultural Society, Mass. Audubon Society, and the National Guard
- offers the Children's Survival Skills and B.E.S.T. programs, as well as the GANG and DARE programs



with the Boston Police Dept.

- has a home/school safety program with the Boston Police, Boston Fire Dept., and Boston Edison Co.
- has nursing and medical students from East Boston Health Services, under a Kellogg grant, to do community service
- has a great new playground!

### Otis Elementary School

218 Marion Street, East Boston  
**Thomas Connelly, Principal**  
 ☎ 635-8372

*The Otis School...*

- is located between Maverick Square and Day Square
- has over 425 students in Kindergarten-Grade 5
- has bilingual programs for Kindergarten-Grade 5 in Spanish and Portuguese
- has a multilingual teaching staff
- has at least three computers in every classroom
- won a 1995 School Improvement Award
- offers instruction in art, music, physical education, and English as a Second Language in a totally integrated, multicultural environment
- maintains active partnerships with Wheelock College, UMass-Boston, and Boston College through their student teaching programs
- offers a Title I reading program
- has a library/parent learning center and strong parent involvement through parent councils in English, Spanish, and Portuguese
- fosters an environment that reflects the joy of teaching and learning, created by a highly professional faculty and well-mannered children.

### Quincy Elementary School

885 Washington Street, Boston  
**Bak Fun Wong, Principal**  
 ☎ 635-8497

*The Quincy School...*

- is a bright, modern school in Chinatown
- has over 900 beautiful students in Kindergarten-Grade 5
- has won an Excellence in Education Award from the U. S. Department of Education
- uses both traditional and contemporary teaching methods in recognition of the many learning styles of our students
- features academic departmentalization in Grades 2-5
- pioneers the use of technology to prepare our students for the 21st century
- is part of TEAMS (Telecommunications Education for Advances in Math & Science) in two Grade 5 classes
- has Advanced Work Class for eligible students in Grades 4-5
- has a computer club, marching band, concert chorus, gospel choir, African-American and Asian-American dance troupes, School Olympics, and more
- has partnerships with the Bank of Boston, New England Medical Center, Suffolk University, and Tremont House Hotel
- occupies a complex which includes two swimming pools, rooftop play decks, gym, auditorium, community center, and community health center
- distributes monthly parent newsletters.

### Tobin Elementary & Middle School

40 Smith St., Roxbury  
**Janet Short, Principal**  
 ☎ 635-8393

*The Tobin School...*

- is located on Mission Hill, behind Mission Church and the library
- is an elementary and a middle school, with 570 students in Kindergarten-Grade 8
- has traditional, self-contained classrooms for Kindergarten-Grade 5
- is a Visual & Performing Arts Theme School, offering: after school classes in theater, arts and music; guest artists and performances, including an Alvin Ailey Dance Residency; and schoolwide productions of "The Nutcracker," a spring musical, and more
- publishes student writing through the Teddy Tobin Writing Project
- has partnerships with Brigham & Women's Hospital, Northeastern University, Harvard School of Public Health, and the Tobin Community Center
- provides Northeastern University scholarships to qualified graduates
- won a 1995 School Improvement Award
- is surrounded by exceptional resources: colleges, hospitals, museums, and more
- provides counseling and social services on-site
- has the Tobin School Family Support Program, with a Family Center, Family Coordinator, Parenting Partners, Family Exchange, Family Literacy Program (ESL classes), and Family Learning Program.



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### **Warren/Prescott Elementary School**

50 School Street, Charlestown  
Domenic Amara, Principal  
☎ 635-8346

#### *The Warren/Prescott School...*

- is located in a quiet, residential neighborhood
- has 445 students in Kindergarten-Grade 5
- is a friendly environment
- offers physical education, drama, and music
- has an active School Site Council
- has a Student Support Team
- has a computer laboratory
- won a 1995 School Improvement Award
- uses writing and reading folders as part of the language arts program
- works with the MENTOR Counseling Service and the Bunker Hill Health Center
- has a special education program, including L/AB and autistic classes
- produces four school plays and other presentations each year
- participates in Books and Beyond, DEAR (Drop Everything And Read), and RIF (Reading Is Fundamental)
- is paired with Wheelock College
- offers art and an introduction to Spanish culture
- uses the Charlestown Boys and Girls Club.

### **Winship Elementary School**

54 Dighton Street, Brighton  
Antônio Barbosa, Principal  
☎ 635-8399

#### *The Winship School...*

- is located in a quiet, multicultural neighborhood near Brighton Center
- has 400 students in Early Childhood (ages 3-5) and Kindergarten-Grade 5
- uses literature-based reading programs in English and Spanish that incorporate thematic, integrated instruction with a variety of materials and strategies
- emphasizes writing, beginning in Kindergarten
- teaches math using the NCTM (National Council of Teachers of Mathematics) pre-algebra activities and computers
- participates in an innovative science program, Global Learning and Observations to Benefit the Environment (GLOBE)
- invites children to sing, create, and learn about music from a multicultural perspective
- offers Title I support services in ESL, reading, native language, and Reading Recovery
- won a 1995 School Improvement Award
- has an active library program, with storytelling and research projects
- seeks ways to promote inclusion
- trains parents of our Early Childhood (special needs) students
- is partners with many area colleges and agencies, and with Deaconess Hospital for professional development and classroom activities
- has a Parent Center Book Swap
- offers Girl Scouting for Grades 1-5.

### **Winthrop Elementary School**

35 Brookford Street, Dorchester  
Joseph Joyce, Principal  
☎ 635-8379

#### *The Winthrop School...*

- is in a residential area off Blue Hill Avenue
- has 300 students in Kindergarten-Grade 5
- uses Whole Language to teach reading
- offers Advanced Work Class to eligible students in Grades 4-5
- has an award-winning, model Kindergarten
- won a 1995 School Improvement Award
- publishes a monthly newsletter for parents and holds Kindergarten parent "coffee"
- is reorganizing the school to increase parent involvement and include special needs students in regular education classes
- has had a \$1.2 million renovation: new roof, furnace, windows, school yards, library, intercom, paint, and more.

### **Young Achievers Science & Mathematics Elementary School**

90 Smith Street, Roxbury  
Dawn Lewis, Principal  
☎ 635-6805

*The Young Achievers School is a citywide school for Kindergarten-Grade 2, with plans to add Grade 3 in September 1996 and then expand one grade each year through Grade 8. It is open to students from all Boston neighborhoods. Please see page 12.*



# North Zone Middle Schools

## Dearborn Middle School

35 Greenville Street, Roxbury  
John Shields, Principal  
☎ 635-8412

### *The Dearborn School...*

- is located in a residential area, in the former Roxbury High School building
- has 420 students in Grades 6-8
- offers Project Promise, a national award winning extended day program
- clusters each grade with a team of teachers
- emphasizes reading, writing, and math in *all* subjects
- has a Cape Verdean bilingual program for Grades 6-8, with an outreach worker for home/school communication
- offers Spanish and French as foreign languages
- has many special programs, including Advanced Work Class for eligible students in Grade 6
- has a library multimedia center
- provides Algebra I in Grade 8
- collaborates with NUCRCM (Northeastern U. Comprehensive Regional Center for Minorities) for math and science enrichment
- provides "hands-on" projects in the science lab
- won a 1995 School Improvement Award

- prepares students to take the ISEE test for admission to Boston's examination schools
- has a mentor program with the Federal Reserve Bank and Fallon Hines & O'Connor
- provides in-house tutoring by Harvard University students
- sponsors career awareness programs and provides counseling (both in-house and community-based referrals)
- offers after school sports, tutoring, clubs, pen pals, and chorus
- promises your child a safe, nurturing environment in an atmosphere of academic excellence.

## Edison Middle School

60 Glenmont Road, Brighton  
Elliot Stern, Principal  
☎ 635-8436

### *The Edison School...*

- is in a beautiful, residential area, near St. John's Seminary
- has 700 students in Grades 6-8
- clusters students in mini-schools with a team of teachers who meet daily to plan together and talk with parents
- has Peer Mediation and Mock Trial programs
- offers after school programs: tutoring, preparation for the ISEE test for admission to Boston's examination schools, group sports, chess, computers... and snacks!
- integrates bilingual and special needs students in all mini-schools
- has computer drafting & design, IBM, and Macintosh computer labs
- won a 1995 School Improvement Award
- is partners with Boston University, Boston College, Work/Family

Directions, and the Harvard School of Public Health for mentors, instrumental music lessons, and tutoring

- teaches using themes and cooperative learning to encourage students to be critical thinkers and active learners
- uses larger block teaching times which combine social studies, English, reading, math, and science.

## Edwards Middle School

28 Walker Street, Charlestown  
Charles McAfee, Principal  
☎ 635-8516

### *The Edwards School...*

- is three blocks from the Bunker Hill Mall
- has 550 students in Grades 6-8
- houses a Chinese bilingual program
- is one of only three Technology middle schools in the city
- clusters students by grade, with special needs and bilingual students in all clusters
- works with Project Commitment, the Boys & Girls Club, and Bunker Hill Community Health Center
- is an active partner with the Keane Corporation, Northeastern University, and three graduate schools of education: Boston University, Harvard, and Simmons
- is part of TEAMS (Telecommunications Education for Advances in Math & Science)
- uses IBM and Macintosh computers
- offers after school athletic and academic programs: chess, tutoring, research skills, board games, basketball, track, flag football, and ping pong
- builds research skills using the encyclopedia on CD-ROM



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- has an annual schoolwide science fair.

### **Hernandez Elementary & Middle School**

61 School Street, Roxbury  
Margarita M. Muñiz, Principal  
☎ 635-8187

*The Hernandez School is a citywide school, open to students in Kindergarten-Grade 8 from all Boston neighborhoods. Please see page 11.*

### **M. L. King Middle School**

77 Lawrence Avenue, Dorchester  
James L. Buckley, Principal  
☎ 635-8212

*The King School is a citywide school, open to students in Grades 6-8 from all Boston neighborhoods. Please see page 11.*

### **McKay Elementary & Middle School**

122 Cottage Street, East Boston  
Ronald Jackson, Principal  
☎ 635-8510

*The McKay School...*

- is in a quiet neighborhood near the Callahan Tunnel
- is an elementary and a middle school, with 600 students in Kindergarten-Grade 8
- offers Spanish bilingual classes in Kindergarten-Grade 5
- has several computer labs for individualized learning
- is the only Project Excel school in the city
- has a parent center and parent

advocate, and offers free English as a Second Language courses for parents

- makes an extra effort to communicate to English- and Spanish-speaking parents
- places special emphasis on counseling and mentors for students and their families
- is an active partner with Cabot Corporation for math, science, and computer programs
- offers, for a small fee, an after school program to help working parents
- has after school "Homework Helpers" and clubs for middle school students through TEAM: Teens Excelling At McKay.

### **Taft Middle School**

20 Warren Street, Brighton  
Irene McCarthy, Principal  
☎ 635-8428

*The Taft School...*

- has 525 students (from 33 countries!) in Grades 6-8 from 33 countries
- clusters students with teaching teams for personal attention
- is well known for its top-notch computer technology and instruction
- has four computer labs and a brand-new Computer Learning Center
- has a Chinese bilingual program
- is a full inclusion school
- offers lots of electives, including French, art, music, and media technology
- works with all kinds of organizations and programs, including the Gardner Museum, the Museum of Science, Houghton Mifflin Editors Program, and Voyages in Learning
- is partners with the Harvard School of Education and Harvard School of Business for Saturday morning

sports, mentors, tutors, and pen pals

- also has partnerships with WGBH/Channel 2 and the Boston University Consortium.

### **Timilty Middle School**

205 Roxbury Street, Roxbury  
Roger F. Harris, Principal  
☎ 635-8109

*The Timilty School is a citywide school, open to students in Grades 6-8 from all Boston neighborhoods. Please see page 11.*

### **Tobin Elementary & Middle School**

40 Smith Street, Roxbury  
Janet Short, Principal  
☎ 635-8393

*The Tobin School...*

- is located on Mission Hill, behind Mission Church and the library
- is an elementary and a middle school, with 570 students in Kindergarten-Grade 8
- has traditional, self-contained classrooms for Kindergarten-Grade 5
- is a Visual & Performing Arts Theme School, offering: after school classes in theater, arts and music; guest artists and performances, including an Alvin Ailey Dance Residency; and schoolwide productions of "The Nutcracker," a spring musical, and more
- publishes student writing through the Teddy Tobin Writing Project
- has partnerships with Brigham & Women's Hospital, Northeastern University, Harvard School of Public Health, and the Tobin Community Center
- provides Northeastern University scholarships to qualified graduates
- won a 1995 School Improvement Award



- is surrounded by exceptional resources: colleges, hospitals, museums, and more
- provides counseling and social services on-site
- has the Tobin School Family Support Program, with a Family Center, Family Coordinator, Parenting Partners, Family Exchange, Family Literacy Program (ESL classes), and Family Learning Program.

### **Umana/Barnes Middle School**

312 Border Street, East Boston  
 Richard D. O'Neil, Principal  
 ☎ 635-8481

#### *The Umana/Barnes School...*

- is attractive and modern, near Boston Harbor
- has 850 students in Grades 6-8
- clusters students with a team of five teachers
- offers many electives: computers, art, home economics, foreign language, music, and media
- won a 1995 School Improvement Award
- encourages all students to join the school's Water Safety program
- works with MIT, Mass. College of Pharmacy, Museum of Science, UMass-Boston, and the Harvard-Smithsonian Center
- offers Portuguese and Spanish bilingual programs
- enrolls 50-60 Grade 8 students from across the city in the PAL alternative program. ■

## **West Zone Elementary Schools**

### **Agassiz Elementary School**

20 Child Street, Jamaica Plain  
 Alfredo Nuñez, Principal  
 ☎ 635-8198

#### *The Agassiz School...*

- is in a quiet neighborhood, near Forest Hills
- has 850 students in Kindergarten-Grade 5
- uses Whole Language and Cooperative Learning methods in many classrooms
- has begun thematic teaching: weaving a theme through all subjects
- requires every student to keep a journal
- has a multicultural curriculum, with art, music, dance, literature, and guest artists from all over the world
- uses the "outdoor classroom"—the Agassiz Arboleda—and has an environmental science program that pairs high school students with second graders
- has an after school program, ALERTA, for selected students
- has been spruced up by parents, with an orchard, teaching gardens, and a playground.

### **Bates Elementary School**

426 Beech Street, Roslindale  
 Catherine James, Principal  
 ☎ 635-8064

#### *The Bates School...*

- is in a residential neighborhood, near Roslindale Square
- has 340 students in Kindergarten-Grade 5
- uses Whole Language, Literature is Tops, Guided Novel Reading, and Writing-to-Read to teach reading, and has a home reading program to reinforce reading at home
- also works on reading with West Roxbury High School students, the "Reading Raiders"
- has two before school programs: one offers tutoring for at-risk students, and the other offers indoor and outdoor activities
- has Advanced Work Class for eligible students in Grades 4-5
- has a computer lab and program
- uses a "hands-on" approach for math and science
- builds self-esteem through Lesson One and monthly awards: "Everyone Rates at the Bates!"
- has Arts in Progress All in One, a multicultural program using creative arts and cultures of Boston's population
- is part of TEAMS (Telecommunications Education for Advances in Math & Science)
- uses schoolwide thematic units to unify the curriculum
- publishes a school newspaper and has a schoolwide monthly poetry project
- has tutors from Boston Partners in Education
- has a beautiful parent center and strong parent involvement



## WEST ZONE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

### Beethoven Elementary School

5125 Washington Street,  
West Roxbury  
James E. Kirk, Principal  
© 635-8149

#### *The Beethoven School...*

- is in a suburban setting, not far from the Dedham Mall
- has 350 students in Kindergarten-Grade 5
- has full-time specialists teaching music and science
- has a large auditorium for physical education and music classes
- has two computer labs: IBM and

#### Writing-to-Read

- offers PEEP, an enrichment program for talented and gifted children
- offers Title I reading and math
- has a SEED grant from Boston Plan for Excellence for Kindergarten and Grade 1 to stimulate curiosity and promote early literacy in a "constructivist" classroom
- uses the Cumulative Writing Folder in Grades 2-5
- offers the Literature is Tops program
- has an active parent organization and a parent center
- has just been renovated.

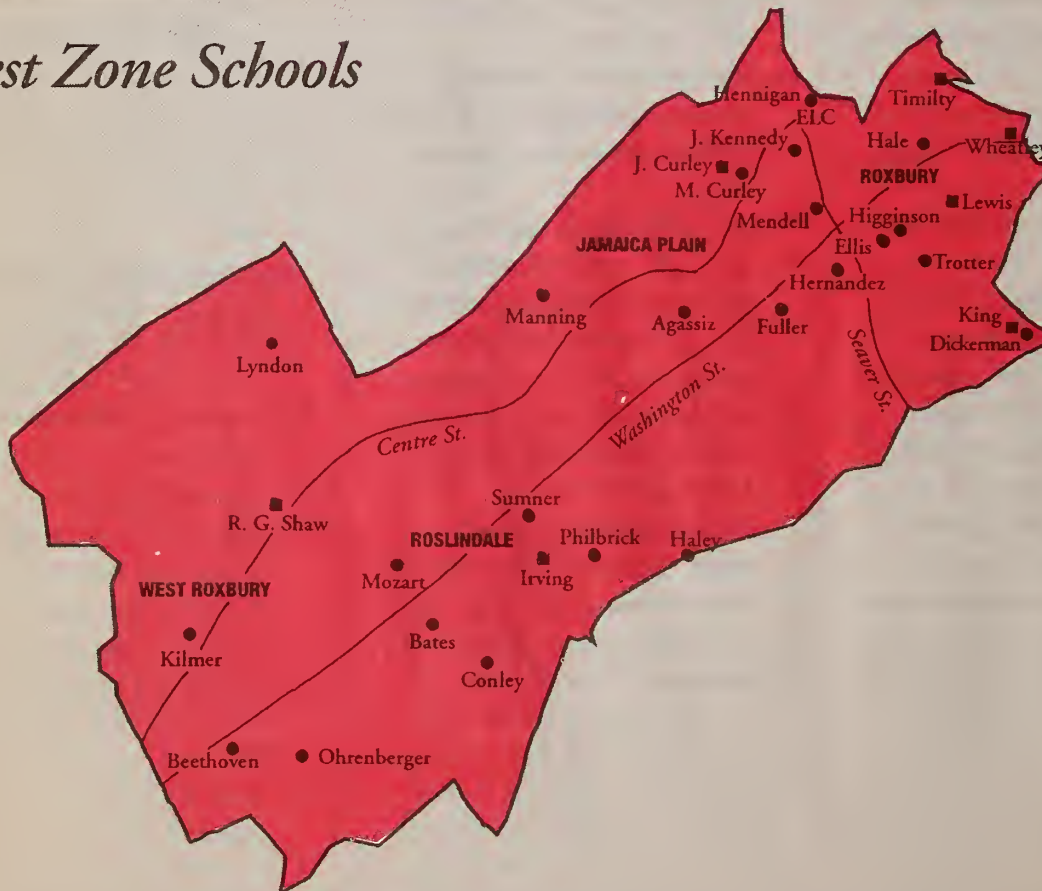
### Conley Elementary School

450 Poplar Street, Roslindale  
James F. Daly, Principal  
© 635-8099

#### *The Conley School...*

- is in a quiet, residential neighborhood, on the Hyde Park border
- has 300 students in Kindergarten-Grade 5
- has a computer lab
- works with the Boy Scouts of America
- takes part in Reading is Fundamental/RIF, Literature is Tops, the Neighborhood Arts in Progress program, and DARE and other drug education programs
- works with the Museum of Science, the Museum of Fine Arts, the

## West Zone Schools





Boston Globe Current Events series, the National Science Foundation, National Football League, Mentor, Inc., and Boston Community Services

- has a schoolwide pilot program to improve self-esteem, "I Am a Good Person."

### **J. M. Curley Elementary School**

40 Pershing Road, Jamaica Plain  
 Kathleen Armstrong, Principal  
 © 635-8239

*The James M. Curley School...*

- is located on a beautiful, tree-lined residential street, near the Jamaica Plain business district
- has 375 students in Kindergarten-Grade 5
- offers a safe and exciting learning environment for all its students
- has a parent-organized before school program
- has a fully equipped computer lab for writing, plus two more computer centers
- has partnerships with the Executive Service Corps of New England, Boston Beer Company, Wheelock College, Mass. College of Art, Hellenic College, Berklee School of Music, Boston Partners in Education, New Walker School, and City Mission Society
- has "Discovery," a unique, literature-based thematic program in small classes (about 14 students) for an hour a day
- publishes a weekly bulletin, monthly calendar, and *Curleycues* — a book of children's writing
- offers art and physical education to all students
- has a parent center, active parent committees, and a parent-sponsored

multicultural arts enrichment program with a student representative and a parent coordinator

- has a new playground built by parents, teachers, students, and community volunteers
- has a Reading Recovery teacher and small classes for Grade 1
- emphasizes self-esteem and improved student performance.

### **Dickerman Elementary School**

206 Magnolia Street, Dorchester  
 Jessica Bolt, Principal  
 © 635-8253

*The Dickerman School...*

- is in a residential neighborhood, near Uphams Corner
- has 380 students in Kindergarten-Grade 5
- has a mentor program for students from the Mass. Housing Finance Agency, now entering its fifth year
- has Arts in Progress, Community Music Center Young Audiences, and Literature is Tops programs
- believes parents are a valuable resource, and encourages them to visit the classroom or help the teacher
- has art, computers, and physical education for all classes
- has quarterly awards assemblies to build self-esteem
- was modernized in 1991, with warm colors, new windows, and sanded floors.

### **Early Learning Center/West**

*at the Hennigan School*  
 200 Heath Street, Jamaica Plain  
 Valerie Gumes, Director  
 © 635-8275

*The West Zone Early Learning Center...*

- is in a residential area, near the VA Hospital and Mission Hill
- has 125 students from age 4 to Grade 1
- is a full day program for all students, from 8:15 A.M. to 2:15 P.M.
- also offers *free* before and after school care: students can come as early as 7:30 A.M. and stay as late as 6:00 P.M.
- has a high teacher/pupil ratio and a curriculum geared to the unique learning needs of small children
- works closely with parents
- has a peer mentor program with students at the Hennigan School
- collaborates with Houghton Mifflin, the Boston Institute for Art Therapies, MJT Dance Co., Wheelock College, and Northeastern and Harvard universities
- is an alternative to more traditional Kindergarten and Grade 1 classes.

### **Ellis Elementary School**

302 Walnut Avenue, Roxbury  
 Carlos R. Gibb, Principal  
 © 635-8257

*The Ellis School...*

- is in a residential neighborhood, near Egleston Square, next door to the African-American Museum
- has 630 students in Kindergarten-Grade 5
- attracts students from all over the zone (and from five continents!)
- is organized into traditional, self-



contained classrooms

- participates in the Junior Achievement Program
- has Advanced Work Class for eligible students in Grades 4 and 5
- offers Spanish for English-speaking students
- has IBM Writing to Read for Kindergarten and Grade 1, Josten's Learning Project, and computers for all students
- offers an after school program through the YMCA, as well as ALERTA, an after school program for Latino students
- has optional school uniforms
- participates in "All in One Boat," a multicultural enrichment program
- works with the Urban League's Youth Education and Development Program for Young Men
- has a choral group and drama classes

### Fuller Elementary School

25 Glen Road, Jamaica Plain  
Robert J. McLaughlin, Principal  
☎ 635-8221

#### *The Fuller School...*

- is in a residential neighborhood, near Green and Washington streets
- is a small school, with 280 students in Kindergarten-Grade 5
- offers Dramatic Arts and Young Authors for Grades 3-4
- has a before school program
- scores above the national average in all grades in both reading and math
- has a Macintosh computer lab, a telecommunications room, and computers in every room

- offers computer, art, and physical education
- has a Writing to Read Center for Kindergarten and Grade 1
- was the first place elementary school winner of the Boston 1995 School Improvement Awards
- offers Boston Ballet's Dance Education Program and Drama Club
- is affiliated with the Brookside Family Life Center and Dental Program — available to all
- has an Annual Fun Fair and Field Day
- is proud of its strong parent involvement, especially in the library and with the Read Aloud and Weekly Reading Contract programs
- has just been renovated, inside and out.

### Hale Elementary School

51 Cedar Street, Roxbury  
Pasquale Lochiatto, Principal  
☎ 635-8205

#### *The Hale School...*

- is a small school on Fort Hill, not far from Roxbury Community College
- has 200 students in Kindergarten-Grade 5
- emphasizes improving student skills and abilities
- has a computer lab and a library
- won a 1995 School Improvement Award
- is a partner with CH2M Hill Company, an environmental consulting firm
- has student teachers from Wheelock College
- takes part in Literature is Tops
- has been completely renovated, with new windows, heat, paint, lighting, and more.

### Haley Elementary School

570 American Legion Highway,  
Roslindale  
Judith R. Prince, Principal  
☎ 635-8169

#### *The Haley School...*

- is a bright, modern school, near Walk Hill Street
- has 350 students in Kindergarten-Grade 5
- has participated in efficacy training for staff and administrators
- is a TEAMS (Telecommunications Education for Advancement in Math and Science) school: we teach math and science "hands-on"
- sponsors social work interns from Boston College
- has a math/science gardening grant developed by parents and teachers
- has an effective student support team, and offers counseling through Boston Children's Services
- has a before school program
- promotes physical fitness with the Body Works program
- is partners with New Balance and M. L. Carr of the Boston Celtics
- has special multicultural periods to share information and respect
- has an active parent council, with committees involved in grant writing, staffing, fund raising, and volunteering.

### Hennigan Elementary School

200 Heath Street, Jamaica Plain  
Eleanor Kearsse-Perry, Principal  
☎ 635-8264

#### *The Hennigan School...*

- is in a residential area, near the VA Hospital and Mission Hill
- has 700 students in Kindergarten-Grade 5



- has Advanced Work Classes in Spanish and English for eligible students in Grades 4-5
- is the "Technology School of the Future," with two computer labs plus a special lab for Project Headlight, a computer program with MIT
- won a 1995 School Improvement Award
- has ESL Immersion and Title I reading programs
- has an up-to-date library with state of the art CD-ROM encyclopedia
- encourages children to become involved in our many extracurricular programs: dance, theater, vocal and instrumental music, sports, swimming (our swim team is a citywide champion!), visual and fine arts
- is partners with Boston, Simmons, and Wheelock colleges, and Northeastern University
- works with a City Year team
- provides health and counseling services.

**Hernandez Elementary & Middle School**

61 School Street, Roxbury  
Margarita M. Muñiz, Principal  
☎ 635-8187

*The Hernandez School is a citywide school, open to students in Kindergarten-Grade 8 from all Boston neighborhoods. Please see page 11.*

**Higginson Elementary School**

160 Harrishof Street, Roxbury  
Ildeberto Pereira, Principal  
☎ 635-8247

*The Higginson School...*

- is in a quiet, established

- neighborhood, near Egleston Square
- has 210 students in Early Childhood-Grade 5
- is a traditional school with small classes
- has a computer lab with classes for all students
- won a 1995 School Improvement Award
- is named for the founder of the Boston Symphony Orchestra
- takes part in the Arts in Progress, Literature is Tops, Families First, and Math for Tomorrow programs
- has a library in each classroom
- has specialists for computer, science, music, and physical education
- has schoolwide special needs/regular education integrated classes
- has a schoolwide Title I program
- works with consultants from Wheelock College
- has an active parent council and parents who work in the school
- has just had a \$1 million renovation.

**J. F. Kennedy Elementary School**

7 Bolster Street, Jamaica Plain  
Donald DeGrandis, Principal  
☎ 635-8127

*The John F. Kennedy School...*

- is in a quiet neighborhood near Hyde Square
- has 600 students in Kindergarten-Grade 5
- emphasizes basic skills and prides itself on a long history of harmony
- has full-time instructors in science, music, physical education, and computer
- has an after school program for Grades 1-5
- was the first Boston public school to adopt an optional school uniform
- won a 1995 School Improvement

Award

- offers individual and small-group counseling through SCAT (School Counseling And Treatment)
- uses Literature Is Tops, EM-MAT, and TEAMS (Telecommunications Education for Advances in Math & Science) to enrich reading, math, and science
- has a fully equipped computer lab, plus computers in most classrooms
- honors a "Student of the Month"
- offers Reading Recovery to help Grade 1 students in reading
- has a Talented and Gifted Program for Grades 3-5
- has English as a Second Language (ESL) classes for parents and a popular drop-in parent center
- has cheerleaders, recorder instruction, school monitors (Grades 4-5), a chorus, and a school newspaper
- has partnerships with Boston College, Hellenic College, UMass-Boston, Walker School of Needham, and Swartz & Swartz law firm
- is a bright, modern facility with a friendly atmosphere.

**Kilmer Elementary School**

35 Baker Street, West Roxbury  
Thomas E. Byrne Jr., Principal  
☎ 635-8060

*The Kilmer School...*

- is a traditional, small school in a quiet, residential neighborhood
- has 370 students in Kindergarten-Grade 5
- uses the Writing-to-Read program
- has a computer lab used by all grades, where students learn word processing, graphics programming, graphing, and computer literacy
- has at least two computers in each



classroom in Grades 1-5 for student and teacher use

- has high test scores in reading and math, above the national average
- has an active, supportive parent council
- has an excellent Talented And Gifted (TAG) program
- is an excellent place for nurturing children academically, emotionally and physically
- is well maintained and landscaped, with lovely new windows, and was recently painted by parent and staff volunteers.

### **Lyndon Elementary School**

140 Russett Road, West Roxbury  
Kate Johnson and Maureen Roach,  
Lead Teachers  
Brooks Roberts, Site Facilitator  
☎ 635-6824

#### *The Lyndon School...*

- is in a quiet, residential neighborhood, near Hynes Field and West Roxbury Parkway
- opened in September 1995 with 200 students in Kindergarten-Grade 2: Grade 3 opens in September 1996
- is a "pilot school," free of many Boston Public Schools and Boston Teachers Union rules and regulations
- has a Spanish bilingual program
- has no principal: it is run by teachers, with strong parent and community involvement
- assigns the same teacher to each class for two years
- emphasizes thematic learning, team

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teaching, and team building

- has a technology lab and computers in every classroom
- offers an after school program with the YMCA
- has been fully renovated.

### **Manning Elementary School**

Louder's Lane, Jamaica Plain  
Casel E. Walker, Principal  
☎ 635-8102

#### *The Manning School...*

- is in a safe, residential area, near the Faulkner Hospital
- has 200 students in Kindergarten-Grade 5
- has a Birthday Book program funded by the Millipore Foundation
- has a City Year volunteer in every classroom
- is an active member of the Arnold Arboretum Project and is business partners with Faulkner Hospital
- has an excellent science program
- has a physical education program with the West Roxbury YMCA
- offers the Manning Chorus and instrumental music lessons
- has a Chess Club, Science Club, and a Literary Group, open to all students
- offers reading programs to meet the needs of all students
- has a before school program run by parents
- has a tot lot, play area, and basketball court, thanks to staff and parents.

### **Mendell Elementary School**

164 School Street, Roxbury  
Mirna Vega Wilson, Principal  
☎ 635-8234

#### *The Mendell School...*

- is in a quiet neighborhood on the Jamaica Plain line
- has 290 students in Kindergarten-Grade 5
- has two computer labs
- is reorganizing to include special needs and regular education students in the same programs
- won a 1995 School Improvement Award
- uses cooperative learning and exciting "hands-on" materials to teach math
- welcomes parents anytime to observe classes, help the teachers, or visit the parent center
- has just been renovated, with new energy-efficient windows, heating system, lighting, and paint.

### **Mozart Elementary School**

236 Beech Street, Roslindale  
Fay Hom Lee, Principal  
☎ 635-8082

#### *The Mozart School...*

- is a small school in a residential area, not far from the West Roxbury Parkway
- has 200 students in Kindergarten-Grade 5
- has a WICAT computer lab and Writing-to-Read program
- uses computers in every classroom every day
- has received many grants from private and public sources
- offers an enriched curriculum which includes Spanish language instruction



- participates in the nationally acclaimed Accelerated Schools network
- is partners with Boston College and Arthur Andersen Consulting Company
- has strong parent involvement: parents have helped build an outdoor playground and new play structure
- integrates language arts and math with music and art
- has a strong focus on literacy and “hands-on” learning
- provides a safe, nurturing, respectful learning environment for its students.

**Ohrenberger Elementary School**

175 West Boundary Road,  
West Roxbury  
Gloria Woods, Principal  
© 635-8157

*The Ohrenberger School...*

- is located in a quiet, picturesque neighborhood
- has 670 students in Kindergarten-Grade 5
- uses Whole Language, cooperative learning, and “hands-on” math
- has four outstanding reading programs to help students be good readers
- has a Greek bilingual program for Grades 1-5
- takes part in the Books-and-Beyond program (and read over 160,000 books last year!)
- has a summer reading program for all students and a Daily Journal Writing Program in Grades 1-5
- has smaller class sizes in all grades
- has a developmental Kindergarten program
- has Apple and new Macintosh

- computer labs
- is part of TEAMS (Telecommunications Education for Advances in Math & Science)
- teaches Spanish in Kindergarten-Grade 5
- won a 1995 School Improvement Award
- offers tennis, soccer, and basketball
- has partnerships and volunteer programs with Teradyne, Judge Baker Counseling Center, Harvard University School of Education, Wellesley College, Boston Partners in Education, and Sun Life of Canada
- is a PALMS Advanced Math & Science school and a Vanguard Grant school for integrated learning
- has student teachers from Boston College
- has a brand new parent center and active parent organizations
- has Family, Friends and Community and Vecinos in Community Service programs
- offers performing arts with Boston Ballet and Community Music Center of Boston
- has just had a \$2 million renovation and is beautifully landscaped.

**Philbrick Elementary School**

40 Philbrick Street, Roslindale  
Diane Gandy, Principal  
© 635-8069

*The Philbrick School...*

- is located on a quiet residential street, near Forest Hills
- has 175 students in Kindergarten-Grade 5
- is a small school with a strong feeling of community
- believes “Inspiration = Education”: our children are eager to come and

- learn!
- has a small staff, with a wide range of talents and teaching styles, that works closely together to meet each child’s educational needs
- focuses on individual student achievement in reading, math, and writing
- provides Title I reading and Reading Recovery
- has a Greek bilingual program for KI and KII
- has computers in every classroom
- provides art, science, physical education, and library science classes
- offers instrumental band lessons for Grades 3-5, and sponsors the Philbrick School Marching Band
- has won grants from the Boston Plan for Excellence, American Humane Society, Very Special Arts, PASS, and the American Chess Foundation
- has an active School Parent Council and School Site Council
- is partners with Boston Community Services, Boston Education Music Collaborative, MSPCC, the Dept. of Public Health, and Boston Partners in Education
- offers Girl Scouting for girls in Grades 4-5.

**Sumner Elementary School**

15 Basile Street, Roslindale  
Joseph Shea, Principal  
© 635-8131

*The Sumner School...*

- is in a quiet, residential area in Roslindale Village
- has 600 students in Kindergarten-Grade 5
- features a parent-run before school program
- offers an expanded Title I Reading Program



- is part of the Northeastern University NUCRCM program
- uses conflict resolution and takes part in the anti-violence Second Step Program
- sponsors a Sumner Read-A-Thon Contest
- has held week-long fairs about dinosaurs, the Bill of Rights, and Healthy Kids
- works with many students from Boston College
- has Peer Teaching with students from West Roxbury and English high schools
- has a new science grant called Project Schema
- explores nature at the Arnold Arboretum and the Trailside Museum
- has a state-of-the-art Macintosh computer lab
- works with the Brown Bag Opera Co. and the Pro Arte Orchestra of Boston
- features inclusive classes, where regular education and special education students learn together
- is serious about learning
- plays soccer
- recycles!

### **Trotter Elementary School**

135 Humboldt Avenue, Dorchester  
Edna Cason, Principal  
© 635-8225

*The Trotter School...*

- is in a residential neighborhood, near Franklin Park
- has 650 students in Kindergarten-

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Grade 5

- is organized into four mini-schools, each in a separate area or "pod"
- has multi-grade classrooms: students can stay for two years with the same teacher
- has WICAT integrated computer learning system network
- uses computers extensively, with IBM, Writing to Read, Macintosh, and Wang labs
- is part of the Boston Music Collaborative and has a renowned music program
- has TEAMS (Telecommunications Education for Advances in Math & Science)
- has home reading and after school programs
- has a City Year team
- has active parent participation
- has a full-time, professional librarian and well stocked library
- has a full-time physical education teacher and beautiful gym
- has a full-time art teacher and art room.

### **Young Achievers Science & Mathematics Elementary School**

90 Smith Street, Boston  
Dawn Lewis, Principal  
© 635-6805

*The Young Achievers School is a citywide school for Kindergarten-Grade 2, with plans to add Grade 3 in September 1996 and then expand one grade each year through Grade 8. It is open to students from all Boston neighborhoods. Please see page 12.*

# West Zone Middle Schools

### **M. Curley Middle School**

493 Centre Street, Jamaica Plain  
Valeria Lowe-Barehmi, Principal  
© 635-8176

*The Mary Curley School...*

- is near Jamaica Pond
- has 700 students in Grades 6-8 (some of whose parents teach in the school)
- has Advanced Work Class for eligible students in Grade 6
- offers a two-way Spanish bilingual program for Grades 7-8
- "clusters" students by grade with a team of teachers and small classes
- includes special needs and bilingual students in all clusters
- has Friday Activity Days, with fun mini-courses such as jewelry making and a computer club
- is part of TEAMS (Telecommunications Education for Advances in Math & Science)
- also has a WICAT lab, a CAD-CAM Technology Center, and Channel 1 Television
- has active partnerships with DuPont Corporation, MassPEP Pre-Engineering Program, the Children's Museum, Black Achievers, the Sports Museum, Simmons College, and many more organizations
- has a parent center and a brand-new electronic system to reach parents by phone



- offers mediation and conflict resolution for all students
- is implementing the Comer Model and participates in the Northeast Regional Center for Drug Free Schools & Communities: both are based on the belief that collaboration with parents, staff, and community is necessary for each child's success.

### **Hernandez Elementary & Middle School**

61 School Street, Roxbury  
Margarita M. Muñiz, Principal  
☎ 635-8187

*The Hernandez School is a citywide school, open to students in Kindergarten-Grade 8 from all Boston neighborhoods. Please see page 11.*

### **Irving Middle School**

114 Cummins Highway, Roslindale  
Richard Maloney, Principal  
☎ 635-8072

*The Irving Middle School...*

- is in a residential neighborhood, near Roslindale Square
- has 800 students in Grades 6-8
- has Advanced Work Class for eligible students in Grade 6
- is organized in clusters of five classes and five teachers, so teachers work as a team, know their students, and are better able to craft effective programs for them
- won a 1995 School Improvement Award
- encourages parents to be a part of the team and to attend cluster meetings
- provides parent workshops on helping their child in school
- has been designated a "Violence Free/Drug Free Zone" by the City Council

- has many teachers' children among its students.

### **M. L. King Middle School**

77 Lawrence Avenue, Dorchester  
James L. Buckley, Principal  
☎ 635-8212

*The King School is a citywide school, open to students in Grades 6-8 from all Boston neighborhoods. Please see page 11.*

### **Lewis Middle School**

131 Walnut Avenue, Roxbury  
Brenda Jones, Principal  
☎ 635-8137

*The Lewis School...*

- is a small school, near Malcolm X Park
- has 350 students in Grades 6-8
- has an exciting, multi-level, across-subject approach to learning
- is a Visual & Performing Arts Theme School, with day and after school classes in music, dance, and the arts
- provides a safe, caring environment for all students
- has algebra classes
- has state-of-the-art IBM, Macintosh and WICAT labs
- won a 1995 School Improvement Award
- prepares students to take the ISEE test for Boston's examination schools
- has partnerships, programs, and activities with Digital Equipment Corp., GTE, Northeastern University (NUCRM), UMass-Boston, Boston University, Arts in Progress, MassPEP Pre-Engineering Program, Project STEP Math & Science Program, Project Commitment, Project Business, Sports Museum, Big Sisters, Boston

Ballet, Boston Conservatory, and Sportsmen's Tennis Club

- is part of TEAMS (Telecommunications Education for Advances in Math & Science) and EM-MAT (Elementary & Middle Math and Technology)
- offers an advisor-advisee program
- offers a summer program in July
- is newly renovated and beautifully landscaped.

### **R. G. Shaw Middle School**

20 Mt. Vernon Street,  
West Roxbury  
Muriel Leonard, Principal  
☎ 635-8050

*The R. G. Shaw School...*

- is located in a quiet neighborhood, near the library and shopping area
- has 325 students in Grades 6-8
- has one computer for every three students and an exciting, technology-based curriculum
- uses computers and/or cable television in classrooms
- has WICAT, TEAMS (Telecommunications Education for Advances in Math & Science), and Wang computer labs
- offers Spanish
- is partners with the Faulkner Hospital for guest speakers, innovative course offerings, health fairs, contests, and more
- works with EDC to include special education students in regular education classes
- is one of only three Magnet Technology Middle Schools in the city
- is part of the Algebra Project, using innovative methods to teach math, and has a Harcourt General grant to improve math teaching
- receives support in science, math,



physics, and engineering through Northeastern University's NUCRCM

- offers training for the Oratorical Contest and preparation for the ISEE test for admission to Boston's examination schools
- has after school sports, clubs, and Junior Achievement
- is part of the Magic Me community service project
- has recently been renovated.

### **Timilty Middle School**

205 Roxbury Street, Roxbury  
Roger F. Harris, Principal  
☎ 635-8109

*The Timilty School is a citywide school, open to students in Grades 6-8 from all Boston neighborhoods. Please see page 11.*

### **Wheatley Middle School**

20 Kearsarge Avenue, Roxbury  
Michael Anderson, Principal  
☎ 635-8165

*The Wheatley School...*

- is off the beaten path, in a private setting with no foot traffic
- has 280 students in Grades 6-8
- clusters by grade, with each grade in a separate team area
- has a veteran staff available for extra help before and after school
- stresses use of real-life skills
- uses cooperative learning: students may work in groups to solve problems, work on projects, do peer tutoring, and find their own style of learning

## **CITYWIDE HIGH SCHOOLS**

- connects music, language arts and computer instruction with a thematic approach
- emphasizes reading in all subject areas: all students have a reading contract and are encouraged to do independent reading projects
- has TEAMS (Telecommunications Education for Advances in Math & Science)
- has a partnership with Boston University Medical Center Hospital, providing academic help in tutoring, Read Aloud sessions, career education, and more
- teams Grade 6 with a middle school in Westwood for a project with the New England Sports Museum to build understanding of others
- has the award-winning Wheatley Garden, tended by students in the summer, with teacher supervision and City Year support
- has been recently renovated, with new paint and plaster, polished marble in the entry and auditorium, and beautiful landscaping, equal to that of any suburban school. ■

## **High Schools**

*For more information, call or visit the High School Parent Information Center, 635-8890. Also ask about alternative high school programs.*

### **Boston Arts Academy**

Contact: Linda Sevey  
☎ 731-4231

- Scheduled to open in September 1996 with Grades 9 and 10, then expanding one grade per year through Grade 12
- Theme: The arts, including dance, music, theatre, and visual arts
- Students will be screened for admission through interviews to determine their level of commitment to and potential in the arts.

### **Boston High School**

152 Arlington Street, Boston  
Thomas Hennessey, Headmaster  
☎ 635-8937

- Grades 9-12
- Theme: Work-Study

### **Boston Latin Academy**

205 Townsend St., Roxbury  
Maria Garcia-Aaronson, Headmaster  
☎ 635-9957

- Grades 7-12
- Exam School
- Theme: Classical Education

### **Boston Latin School**

78 Avenue Louis Pasteur, Boston  
Michael Contompasis, Headmaster  
☎ 635-8895

- Grades 7-12
- Exam School
- Theme: Classical Education



**Brighton High School**

25 Warren Street, Brighton  
 Juliette Johnson, Headmaster  
 ☎ 635-9873

- Grades 9-12
- Theme: Health Careers

**Burke High School**

60 Washington Street, Dorchester  
 Steven Leonard, Headmaster  
 ☎ 635-9837

- Grades 9-12
- Theme: Computer Technology

**Charlestown High School**

240 Medford Street, Charlestown  
 Marilyn Hurwitz, Headmaster  
 ☎ 635-9914

- Grades 9-12
- Theme: Humanities

**Dorchester High School**

9 Peacevale Road, Dorchester  
 Christopher Lane, Headmaster  
 ☎ 635-8904

- Grades 9-12
- Theme: LEAP (Law, Education, Allied Health & Public Service)

**East Boston High School**

86 White Street, East Boston  
 John Poto, Headmaster  
 ☎ 635-9896

- Grades 9-12
- Theme: Travel and Tourism

**The English High School**

144 McBride Street, Jamaica Plain  
 Gerald Sullivan, Headmaster  
 ☎ 635-8979

- Grades 9-12
- Theme: Schools Within a School

**Hyde Park High School**

655 Metropolitan Ave., Hyde Park  
 Curtis Wells, Headmaster  
 ☎ 635-8948

- Grades 9-12
- Theme: Banking and Finance

**Madison Park Technical Vocational High School**

55 New Dudley Street, Roxbury  
 Richard Fields, Executive Director  
 ☎ 635-8970

- Grades 9-12
- Theme: Technical and Vocational Education

**Allied Health and Human Services Academy**

Diana Jones, Dean  
 ☎ 635-8976

Baking, Childcare, Cosmetology,  
 Dental Assistant, Food Services,  
 Hotel/Hospitality, Medical  
 Assistant, Nursing Assistant

**Commerce Academy**

Pamela Fuller, Dean  
 ☎ 635-8962

Banking, Commercial Design,  
 Information Processing, Legal  
 Office, Medical Secretary, Printing,  
 TV Production, Office Technology/  
 General Business, Office  
 Technology/Finance

**Craft and Technical Academy**

Charles Cafferty, Dean  
 ☎ 635-8968

Auto/Truck Repair, Autobody  
 Repair, Building Maintenance,  
 Carpentry, Electricity, Electronics,  
 Heating/Air Conditioning, Marine  
 Small Engine, Plumbing, Sheet  
 Metal

Freshman Academy  
 Ronald Bayless, Dean  
 ☎ 635-8964

Roland Hayes Division of Music  
 Robert Winfrey, Program Director  
 ☎ 635-8970

**O'Bryant School of Mathematics and Science**

55 New Dudley Street, Roxbury  
 Gustave Anglin, Headmaster  
 ☎ 635-9932

- Grades 7-12
- Exam School
- Theme: Mathematics and Science

**Snowden International High School**

150 Newbury Street, Boston  
 Gloria Coulter, Headmaster  
 ☎ 635-9989

- Grades 9-12
- Theme: International Studies and Modern Languages

**South Boston High School**

95 G Street, South Boston  
 Lorraine Hamilton, Headmaster  
 ☎ 635-9857

- Grades 9-12
- Theme: Marine and Environmental Sciences

**West Roxbury High School**

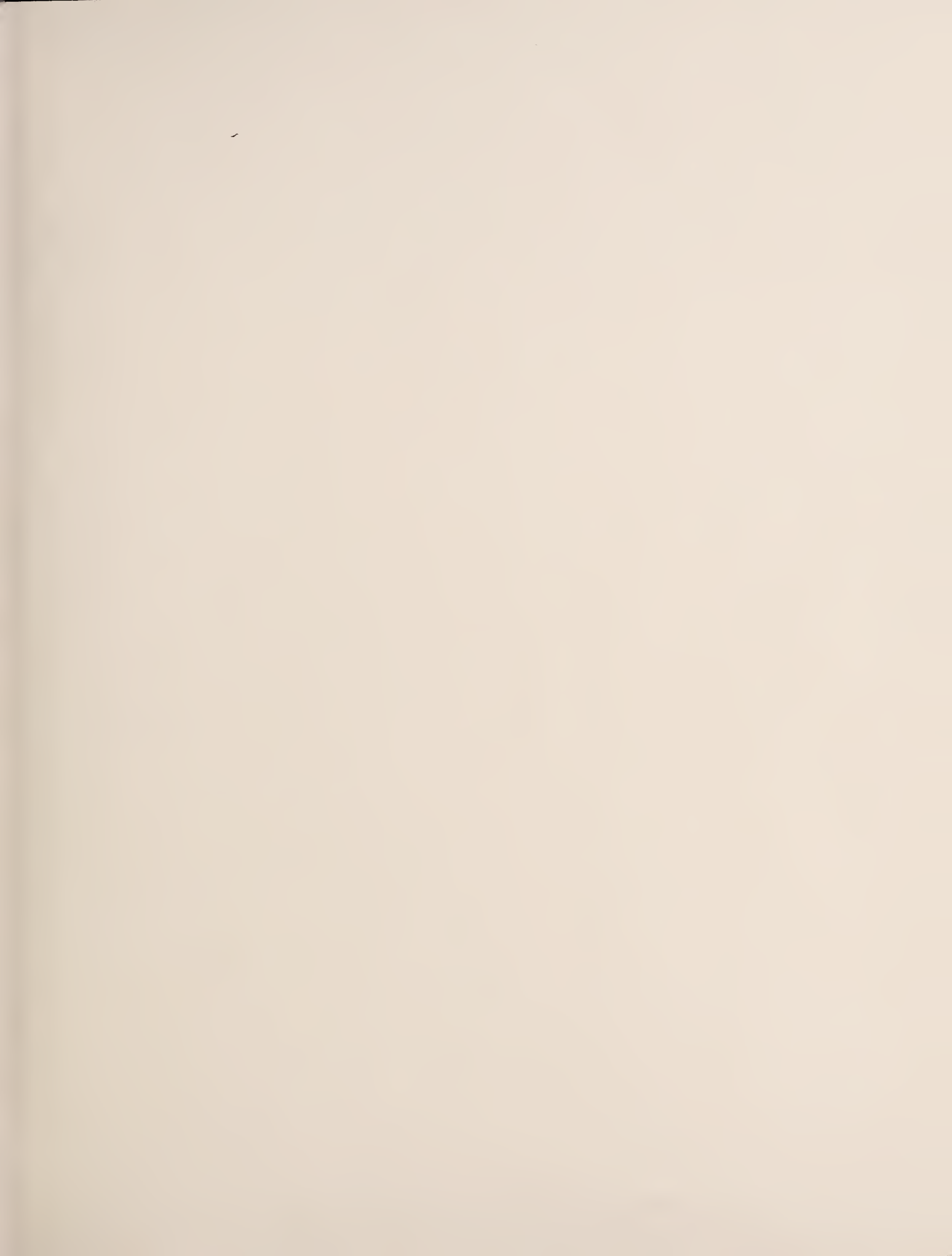
1205 VFW Parkway, West Roxbury  
 Donald Pellegrini, Headmaster  
 ☎ 635-8917

- Grades 9-12
- Theme: Media and Communications
- Vocational Programs: Agriculture; Small Animal Science ■



# Notes:







# To Register & Apply For School

Please note: Dates may change. Call any Parent Information Center for current dates.

## HOW

If you are registering for the Boston Public Schools for the first time, you must go to a Parent Information Center.

Please bring:

- Two preprinted proofs of address: a driver's license, utility bills, Medicare or Medicaid card, etc.
- Up-to-date immunization records and TB test results.
- Your child's birth certificate if you are registering for Kindergarten or Grade 1.

If your child already attends a Boston Public School, you will get an application from your child's school.

## WHEN

### FIRST APPLICATION PERIOD:

**January 2-January 31, 1996**

Kindergarten, Grades 1, 6 and 9

Assignments issued:

Week of February 26

### LATE APPLICATIONS:

**February 1-March 15, 1996**

Kindergarten, Grades 1, 6 and 9

Assignments issued: Week of April 8

### TRANSFERS AND NEW REGISTRATIONS:

**February 12-March 15, 1996**

Grades 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12

Assignments issued: Week of April 8

### APPLICATIONS PROCESSED MONTHLY:

**March 16-June 30, 1996**

## WHERE

Go to any Parent Information Center.

Hours: 8:30 A.M.-5 P.M., Monday through Friday during the school year; 9 A.M.-3 P.M. during school vacations and summer.

### WEST ZONE PARENT CENTER

☎ 635-8040

at the Jennie Barron Building  
515 Hyde Park Avenue, Roslindale  
(near Cummins Highway)

Help in English, Greek, Haitian creole, Laotian, Spanish

Transportation ..... 635-8028

### EAST ZONE PARENT CENTER

☎ 635-8015

at the Campbell Resource Center  
1216 Dorchester Avenue, Dorchester  
(behind Burger King)

Help in English, Spanish, Vietnamese

Transportation ..... 635-8018

### NORTH ZONE PARENT CENTER

☎ 635-8340

at the Josiah Quincy School  
885 Washington Street, Boston  
(near New England Medical Center)

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Transportation ..... 635-8342

### HIGH SCHOOL PARENT CENTER

☎ 635-8890

at Madison Park High School  
55 New Dudley Street, Roxbury  
(near Roxbury Crossing MBTA station)

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Transportation ..... 635-8892

### MULTILINGUAL PARENT CENTER

☎ 635-8125

at the Parkman School Building  
25 Walk Hill Street, Roslindale  
(near Forest Hills MBTA station)

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